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New Mining Law Raises Big Storm.

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CONNELLSVILLE REGION MEN ATTACK PROPOSED LAW.

T. J. MITCHELL HITS METHODS OF STATE MINE DEPARTMENT.

Head of the Rainey Interests Scores System of Inspection and Calls Examinations a Farce.

DEFECTS IN THE PROPOSED LAW

It Would Impose Severe And Needless Burdens On Connellsville Region Operators Without Adding Anything To Safety of Miners, Say Leading Interests of Region

Objections to the proposed new mining law for the bituminous regions as reported by Governor Stuart's commission to the Legislature have crystallized during the last ten days. During that period half a dozen conferences have taken place in Pittsburg between committees representing the various bituminous districts. The committee representing the Connellsville coke region operators has consisted of O W Kennedy, George Whyel, T J Mitchell and W. A. Stone.

The conferences have further developed the fact that the objections of one section of the bituminous field differ from those urged by another for the simple reason that conditions differ in each district.

The objections of the Connellsville region coke operators to the proposed law as it now stands, together with the objections of other districts will be presented to the State Department of Mines and to the other State officials at Harrisburg at an early date. Some of the Connellsville region operators favor a fight on the entire bill as it stands, and the retention of the present law, with proper amendments to the same, such as the situation seems to require. Other Connellsville region operators, on the other hand, contend that the proposed new law is all right provided certain objectionable features are eliminated but should such features not be eliminated these operators also favor then throwing their entire influence against the whole bill, in an effort to kill it.

One delegation of coke region operators composed of O W Kennedy, President of the Coke Producers Association, Harry Whyel, W A. Stone and James R Cray, Esq made a trip to Harrisburg on Tuesday of this week, to look over the ground and confer with Chief Mine Inspector Roderick. The members of this delegation are expected back home today. Further visits to the State capital are to be made by Mr Kennedy chairman of the Connellsville region operators committee.

O W Kennedy, President of the Coke Producers' Association and George Whyel a prominent member are likely to be the chief representatives of the Connellsville region operators at Harrisburg when the matter comes to a test. It is recognized on all hands that Chief Mine Inspector James E. Roderick will have much to say as to what kind of a law shall finally be passed and it is also recognized that Mr Roderick has endeavored to satisfy the demands of the public the miners and the operators in the course of his conferences with the Commission which drew the proposed measure.

Following are some of the principal objections of the Connellsville region coke operators to the proposed mining law:

1 The proposition requiring all coal over five feet six inches in height to be not only undercut but also sheared.

2. The proposition requiring all mine superintendents to stand examinations and hold certificates thereof in the same manner as mine foremen.

There are numerous other minor objections but these two points constitute the principal ones as far as the operators of this region are concerned and they are the two points on which all the operators of the region stand practically as a unit.

The operators of the Pittsburg district, rail and river have still other objections to the proposed law and it now looks as if that measure would have an exceedingly rocky road to travel on its way to the statute books.

T J Mitchell General Manager of the W J Rainey coke interests the second largest in the Connellsville region, has taken an active part in the various conferences among the operators of the region and stands firmly with them against several propositions. In addition to this Mr Mitchell has some decided views of his own concerning the administration of the present mining law views it may be stated in which he is by no means alone in the Connellsville region.

To a representative of The Weekly Courier Mr Mitchell made some highly interesting and in some respects startling statements, in the course of an interview yesterday. Some of the statements while not bearing directly on the proposed mining law do bear on the general propositions involved.

"The clause in the proposed law which provides that all coal over five feet six inches in height shall be undercut and sheared as well" said Mr Mitchell "is the worst feature in the entire bill as far as the coke region is concerned. All our coal is higher than the dimension specified and the Connellsville region operators have always shot their coal from the solid and have adopted the safest and most up-to-date methods in doing so. We shoot our coal from the solid as we require fine coal, not coarse coal for coking purposes. This feature of the bill if it becomes law should be changed to read that coal over seven feet in height may be shot from the solid in cases where fine coal is desired such shooting to be done by shot firers with all due precautions, and when all the men except the shot firers are out of the mine. This is what is now being done throughout the region. We shoot our coal down either in the evening after the men have left the workings or between shifts. The Connellsville region operators have used safety lamps have adopted the shot firing system, and have done their best to do away with the use of black powder and substitute therefor the safer forms of explosives away ahead of any other district and have done many of these things without waiting to be prodded by law.

"Our shot firing is generally done by skilled, experienced men, the fire bosses. In four years during which time nothing but safety explosives have been used by the W J Rainey interests and this system has been followed, not a single accident has occurred from the use of explosives in any of the Rainey mines. Not one man has been so much as scorched from this cause.

"The operators of the Connellsville region have not been treated with due consideration thus far by the people at Harrisburg. They were not properly treated in the first place when the Commission was made up as they are not represented on the Commission which drew the law. And this in the face of the fact that in 1907 a [illegible] year of production, the total output of coal in all the bituminous fields of Pennsylvania was 150 143,177 tons of which 39,733,177 tons were produced for the purpose of coking. In other words although the Connellsville district produces almost one-third of the bituminous coal mined in the State, and this law is proposed exclusively for the bituminous workings, yet they were not given representation on this all-important Commission. Add to that the further fact that the operators of the Connellsville region were given but scant courtesy or attention during the time the measure was being drawn.

In addition to our objection to undercutting and shearing coal it is not fair to require mine superintendents to have the same qualifications as a mine foreman. Such a condition would lead to endless clashes and disorganization. The law gives the mine foreman full power as it is now and he is answerable to the State Mine Inspector only. The duties of mine foreman and superintendent are widely different. With a capable mine foreman who understands his business there is no reason why there should be another official with the same qualifications. But there is need for other qualifications in a superintendent and the latter has plenty to do as a rule without trying to assume any of the burdens incident to the interior management of the mine.

Some of the proposed provisions would cripple our industries and we would labor under conditions which are not even imposed on the Pittsburg district operators in whose mines the latest explosions have occurred. We have a class of miners in this region who have never been accustomed to shearing coal or undercutting it as this has never been considered necessary to safe mining and in this district it is not necessary. Should this proposition be enacted into law we would require an entirely different class of miners in doing the new kind of work required. We would have to install coal crushing machinery. We make the claim and are ready to prove it, that in the Connellsville region no possible safety could be added in any particular to mining by undercutting and shearing but on the contrary the most dangerous element of all mining would be added namely that of coal dust resulting from the machine cutting process. This dust has undoubtedly been a leading cause of the recent mine explosions in the Pittsburg district. Furthermore our coal being of a soft friable nature machine mining would be neither practicable or eco-

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FURNACE OVENS NOW SUSPENDING; GENERAL PRODUCTION CURTAILED; COKE MARKET REMAINS LIFELESS.

Republic Iron and Steel Company Shuts Down Another Big Plant and Other Ovens Supplying Furnaces Are Reducing Their Output—Good Demand for Foundry Coke a Bright Spot in Situation.

Aggregate production in both regions had a further falling off of more than 8 000 tons while total shipments increased a net total of 60 cars. Further curtailment in production occurred throughout the region, the curtailment having now reached the furnace ovens. A notable shut down was that of the Republic works of the Republic Iron & Steel Company where 360 ovens were banked closing down the entire plant. Furnaces appear to be pretty well stocked up with coke considerably ahead of their requirements. Other ovens supplying furnaces are less busy and are running on shorter time. The three plants of the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company dropped to four days for the week although all the ovens remained in operation. The Martin plant of the Republic Iron & Steel Company did not resume as had been expected.

At this writing upwards of 1 400 standing car loads of coke remain in the region and many yards of operating plants are stocked with coke in addition to the standing loads. This is something of a reduction from the number of standing loads one week ago. The low prices for furnace coke, coupled with the surplus on hand, points to probable further cutting down of production throughout the region unless there is a decided change for the better in conditions.

During the week there was but a single increase in operations at any works in the region this being at the new Royal plant of the W J Rainey interests where the number of ovens in operation were increased from 70 to 110. Fifty additional ovens are being fired at the same plant this week. Royal works are expected to be running at full capacity within a few weeks as the Rainey concern needs the coke to take the place of production of older ovens which have been banked within the past 30 days.

Aside from these above mentioned the following decreases in operations were made during the week throughout the region. Bethany plant of the Majestic Coke Company 20 ovens banked closing down the plant. Burchinal plant of the Smithfield Coal & Coke Company, 16 ovens banked closing down the whole plant. Garwood plant of the Dunlap-Connellsville Coke Company 16 to 10 ovens. Griffin plant of the Bessemer Coke Company 490 to 459 ovens. Thompson No 1 plant of the Thompson Connellsville Coke Company 120 to 80 ovens.

At several plants where coke has been loaded steadily for some weeks the sidings are blocked with cars.

Although furnace coke remains a glut on the market the demand for foundry coke holds up very well and there are plenty of inquiries for it. With many plants idle, the normal amount of 72 hour coke turned out is greatly lessened and this accounts in part for the good demand for foundry grades coupled with the fact that there seems to be increasing activity among foundries throughout the country.

The steel situation has not shown any special improvement during the week and matters are still very much mixed there with the likelihood that no new keynote will be struck until something definite is known as to the action of Congress on the tariff. The latter remains the central fact in the situation and until it is settled Connellsville region interests do not look for any important changes in conditions. The general pig iron market remains quiet but there is considerable activity in foundry irons. Foundries are buying more raw material all along the line than has been the case for six months.

There has been practically no change in coke prices which remain weak although the understanding among fifty independent producers of the region to sell no first grade furnace coke at less than $1 75 spot remains in force and helps to sustain the market. Concerns outside of this understanding continue to sell at lower prices. Coke brokers in Pittsburg and Philadelphia continue to rake the market for low priced lots of coke but are not getting as much as they offer to take which would indicate that the interests they represent are continuing the old policy of trying to beat down prices by using an agent.

Quotations are as follows: Spot furnace coke $1 65 to $1 75, furnace coke for delivery during the last three quarters, $1 75 to $2 00 according to grade, spot foundry coke $2 00 to $2 25, foundry coke for delivery during the last three quarters $2 00 to $2 50 according to grade. Some contracts for foundry coke covering the second quarter have been made during the past week.

The American Metal Market and Daily Iron and Steel Report says:

The iron and steel market has been pulling two ways pig iron one way and steel the other. The [illegible] been a clearly discernible though slight increase in the tonnage of steel orders booked which is quite satisfactory [illegible] the trade considering that [illegible] more than a very great improvement was expected. Pig iron on the other hand has been [illegible] although there is [illegible] any [illegible] conditions [illegible] being out a [illegible]. There has been considerable activity in New England territory [illegible] southern and Buffalo [illegible] furnaces became keen, resulting in $11 0 Birmingham [illegible] being done with about $14 Buffalo making prices delivered [illegible] east about $16 50 for No 2. New England consumers were quite willing to [illegible] at these prices buying [illegible] for second quarter but [illegible] which can be spread well into the third quarter. In the central west the chief thing the pig iron market has done has been to show that it could be still more stagnant than it was then by accomplishing what had been regarded as well nigh impossible. There are many statements of low prices believed to be possible which may or may not prove to be correct. Meanwhile it can be said there would be no difficulty in buying basic foundry or malleable at $11 [illegible] valley. The Westinghouse Air Brake Company got 1 000 tons of April iron on 0 1 per cent phosphorus at $14 00 valley furnace.

Pig iron buyers and some merchant furnace interests profess to be certain that Lake Superior ores will be down this year. The ore interests are as the certainty that there will be no reduction. Except when misled by steel corporation [illegible] the ore interests have hitherto been able pretty generally to make good on their predictions. While some iron and steel interests have [illegible] the trade as a whole hesitates, wishing doubtless to couple the prospective reductions with the tariff.

PRODUCTION

For the week ending Saturday March [illegible]

Districts	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Conn'ville	34 498	31 6[illegible]	1 840	178 104
Lower Conn'ville	15 717	8 160	3 577	14 013
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

MANUFACTURED

District	By Consumer	For Market
Conn'ville	117 209	41 1[illegible]
Lower Connellsville	30 1[illegible]	61 30[illegible]
Total	147 [illegible]	105 388

Previous Week.

Districts	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Conn'ville	34 130	31 470	[illegible]	160 1[illegible]
Lower Conn'ville	14 137	5 748	[illegible]	100 [illegible]
Total	48 507	[illegible]	14 153	260 487

MANUFACTURED

District	By Consumer	For Market
Conn'ville	148 618	13 810
L. Connellsville	3 076	67 453
Total	151 694	10[illegible]

SHIPMENTS

Aggregate from both regions in cars for the week ending March 13, 1909

To Pittsburg District	106
To Points West of Pittsburg	8 115
To Points East of Connellsville	751
Total	8 972

Previous Week.

To Pittsburg District	3 1[illegible]8
To Points West of Pittsburg	4,955
To Points East of Connellsville	810
Total	8 912

[For complete tables of ovens in blast in both regions see pages [illegible] and [illegible].]

Following are freight rates on coke per ton of 2 000 pounds in car load lots from the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions:

Boston	$3 50
Buffalo	1 80
Baltimore	[illegible]
Cleveland	1 [illegible]
Columbus	1 65
Cincinnati	2 10
Chicago	2 65
East St Louis	2 90
Hamilton Ont	2 20
Joliet	2 65
Louisville	2 [illegible]
New York	[illegible]
Pittsburg	80
Philadelphia	2 [illegible]
Richmond Va	3 [illegible]
Toledo	2 25
Valley Furnaces	1 [illegible]

West Virginia Coke Prices

The following quotations are reported on West Virginia cokes:

Wise county furnace coke $1 [illegible] to $1 90. Wise county foundry coke $[illegible] to $2 30. Pocahontas furnace coke $1 [illegible] to $[illegible]. Pocahontas foundry coke $[illegible] to $[illegible].

INSPECTOR LOUTTIT FILES LAST REPORT

Mine Expert Who Retires Submits Figures of His District For 1908

WASHINGTON Pa March 16—Former Mine inspector Henry Louttit of Monongahela who recently signed after a service of 24 years has issued his 1908 report for this district his last official act.

There was mined 7 267 212 tons of coal. Washington county contributed the largest part with 4 126 769 tons Fayette furnished 1 840 33[illegible] tons and Westmoreland 1 0[illegible] 110 tons.

The tonnage of the larger operating companies was Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company 1 666 657. Pittsburg Coal Company 1 549 076. Pittsburg & Westmoreland Coal Company 1 944 [illegible]95. Ellsworth Collieries Company 1 2[illegible]0 504. Vesta Coal Company [illegible]8,299. Charleroi Coal Works, [illegible] 930. Naomi Coal Company 169 580. Henderson Coal Company 149 990. Pittsburg Buffalo Company 80 374. There were 211 fatal accidents and 82 non fatal accidents.

New Coke Company

The charter for the Isabella Connellsville Coke Company of which the stockholders and directors are George D Howell M A Allen and W J Sturgis of Uniontown has been filed. The capital stock is $5,000, divided into 50 shares of which Mr Howell holds 46 and the others one each. [illegible]

EXAMINATIONS FOR MINING MEN SOON

Annual Tests of Inspectors As Well As Those For Candidates Are About Due

Examinations are expected to take place shortly in all the bituminous mining districts for the annual tests for State mine inspectors and for applicants for the positions of mine inspector mine foreman and fireboss. Thus far no dates have been fixed for any of these examinations. Ordinarily the tests for the State inspectors take place during March.

The Governor recently named the examining board for this territory. The names of the appointees must be confirmed by the State Senate. When this is done the State inspectors will be examined by the board at the earliest possible date.

Then come the tests for applicants. The district justice of each mining district is required by law to appoint an examining board for the latter examination, such boards consisting of the inspector for the district one operator and one miner. Candidates for the position of State mine inspector mine foreman and fireboss will come before this board which decides whether they are fit to hold such positions. The questions have been formulated for these latter examinations.

The Columbia Coal & Coke Co has removed its offices to the Diamond Bank building, Pittsburg.

SUITS FOR MILLION BY DARR SURVIVORS

Enormous Damage Claims Are Filed Against the Pittsburg Coal Company

Connellsville region operators have noted with special interest the fact that the total of the claims filed against the Pittsburg Coal Company through lawsuits brought by survivors who demand damages in consequence of the Darr mine disaster amount to more than $1 000 000.

The last of these suits amounting to a total of over $200 000 were filed in the Allegheny county courts last week. Even should the company win every suit, it is estimated that it will cost it a large sum for legal expenses in defending the cases.

The claims are in addition to the damage resulting to the Darr mine and the expenses incident to the work of saving the living and recovering the dead which is given in the company's statement as aggregating more than $80 000.

Railroads Juggle Coke Schedules

WASHINGTON March 13—Charging discrimination in tariff schedules on coke used in iron against coke used for other purposes complaints seeking a total reparation of $11 300 were filed with the Interstate commerce commission by the Anaconda Copper Mining Company of Montana against several railroads.

WHYEL ADVISES OPERATORS TO TAKE CONSERVATIVE STAND.

Says Important Objections to Proposed Measure Should Be Fought But Smaller Points Waived.

LYNCH NAILS RUMOR

Absolute Denial Made of the Latest Report About Frick Company

A story circulated in Pittsburg yesterday that the United States Steel Corporation through the H C Frick Coke Company has arranged to buy up all the coal holdings of J V Thompson of Uniontown in Greene and Fayette counties was later in the day met with an unqualified denial by President Thomas Lynch of the Frick Company.

As the story went the deal would involve $1 000 000. Mr Thompson owns and is interested in a very large amount of coal and it is expected that perhaps from time to time some of this may pass through various channels into the hands of the leading steel producers who need future supplies of coke. Beyond this there does not appear to be any basis for the story in view of the positive statements made by the concern said to be interested.

WHYEL DOES NOT GET APPOINTMENT

Fayette County Legislators Turn Down His Candidacy for Examining Board

HARRISBURG March 17—The Senate refused to confirm the Governor's appointment of George H Whyel of Uniontown reappointed a member of the State Board to examine applicants for the office of mine inspector.

Mr Whyel has been a member of the board for 12 years. His political activities it is said have not been in harmony with the dominant Republican faction of Fayette county and for this reason the members of the General Assembly of that county have decided not to support him for another term.

PRESENT FOR TEACHER

Scottdale Mining Class Shows Its Appreciation of Mr Glenn's Efforts

A largely attended meeting of the Scottdale Y M C A Mining Institute was held last Saturday evening at which the following subjects were the topics of discussion:

"Two coal mines, one worked by machinery the other by pick both gaseous which is the safer blasting being allowed? and What precautions are necessary to secure the greatest safety to workmen when blasting in non gaseous mines." Those present took a deep interest in the debate which was opened by President Robbins of the Institute.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of an elegantly engraved watch fob to P P Glenn teacher of the Scottdale class in mining by the class. The presentation was made by W J Graef Secretary of the Scottdale Y M C A. Mr Glenn had for a number of years been foreman of the Summit mines of the H C Frick Coke Company at Ovensdale. He retired about a month ago and when the mining class was organized he volunteered to teach and has since untiringly devoted his time and attention to the class.

LOST COKE TRAFFIC

Chesapeake & Ohio Hauled Only Small Tonnage in January Compared to 1908

Reports of coal and coke tonnage move over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad during January show an increase of 26 401 tons compared to January 1908.

It is noticeable however that while the total is greater for the two periods there was a falling off in the coke shipments which were 137 000 tons for January 1908 and only [illegible] 000 tons for the same month this year.

Shenango Valley Furnace Conditions

SHARON Pa March 17—Nine of the 14 blast furnaces are idle in the Shenango valley. Four of the active stacks are located in Sharpsville and one in South Sharon. The improvements at the Fannie furnace in West Middlesex are completed and this stack can resume in 48 hours. The Ella furnace is being rebuilt. The Alice and Claire furnaces in Sharpsville are undergoing extensive repairs. The Stewart Iron Company of Sharon and Shenango Furnace Company of Sharpsville have awarded contracts for new ore bridges to cost about $150,000 each.

HE OPPOSES NATIONAL BUREAU

Labor Leaders Take Drastic Position Against Electricity And All Open Lights—Peculiar Kink In Present Law Said to Have Led to Big Disasters

George Whyel, another member of the committee representing the Connellsville region coke operators in the matter of the proposed new bituminous mining law, said:

In the face of the general public clamor for changes in the mining laws, I believe that the Commission named by Governor Stuart and the State mining officials has made a sincere effort to draft a law that would form a basis for intelligent discussion. In common with other operators of the region I am opposed to the clause which would force us to cut our coal and the other clause requiring superintendents to be men holding the certificate of a mine foreman. There are many smaller matters in the bill as drawn which are objected to by operators but I believe most of them are really of no great importance. Of course as far as the operators of other districts are concerned they too have their objections but the above two are the main objections to the bill as it strikes the operators of this district and should we not succeed in having them modified or eliminated our only course will then be to fight the bill as a whole.

"Of all the mining departments of the United States Pennsylvania may be said to have the best. We must have some system of inspection and regulation. I think it is vastly preferable to have a State mining department in supervision of our properties, rather than a national mining department which would have the interests of any one State less at heart and which would be more difficult to deal with in cases of individual official injustice. I am not in favor of a national mining department, except for the purposes of research effectively conducted. Granting that our system in this State may have some faults, for it is but human, the fact remains that we have a system which is looked upon by mining men generally as standing at the top."

"Shooting from the solid with proper regulations, as are now practised in this region is entirely safe and we have had no disasters caused by such practise."

Addressing a session of the House Committee on Mines and Mining, Francis Feehan President of the Pittsburg district branch of the United Mine Workers of America made the declaration that all open lights should be barred from mines and said he believed that the disasters at Darr, Naomi and Marianna had been due to the use of open lights. Feehan also opposes the use of any electrical machinery whatever in gaseous mines. Feehan said:

This bill permits the use of mixed lights. I believe the exclusive use of safety lamps is necessary to protect the miners. The Darr Naomi and Marianna mines were worked with mixed lights. There is no question in my mind what caused these disasters. There were the open lights to ignite the gas. If safety lamps had been used exclusively I believe these disasters could have been averted. It is the opinion of men who worked in the Marianna mine that the ventilation became deranged and that gas ignited. If there is no gas a blown-out shot is not dangerous. At the Naomi mine a miner walked into the gas with an open light.

In the Connellsville field the companies use safety lamps exclusively, and although they generate more gas than the other mines in the Pittsburg district they have not had any explosions.

It is conceded by experts that electricity is as dangerous as an open light. You cannot prevent electric machinery in mines from throwing out sparks continually. If there is any gas present the sparks will cause a disaster. I claim that electricity cannot be used with any degree of safety in any gaseous mine.

After the Marianna disaster the Pittsburg Buffalo company decided to work exclusively with compressed air. The air is slower than electricity but it is safe. Electricity is used exclusively in the bituminous field and is growing. It is a fact that explosions have become more frequent since the use of electricity began.

The Pittsburg district operators will fight the proposal to do away with electrical machinery in their mines to the death. It is said that such a step would mean a dead loss of about $7,000 000 to the Pittsburg Coal Company alone. The proposition to do away with electrical machinery in all gaseous mines will not specially affect

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FURTHER STEEL CHANGES COMING.

General Readjustment of Conditions Needed, Say Many Trade Leaders.

ALL DEPENDS ON THE TARIFF

General Wage Cuts May Be Necessary, It Is Declared, Should Duties Be Seriously Reduced By Congress Schwab Defends Steel Corporation.

The iron and steel market is beginning to show signs of further slight improvement and when the uncertainties regarding the proposed tariff legislation are once cleared from the track, there is a feeling that business will undoubtedly improve. It is beginning to be seen in iron and steel circles what was pointed out in The Weekly Courier several weeks ago, that the cutting of iron and steel prices and the declaration of an open market by the United States Steel Corporation, practically discounts any cuts that are likely to be made in the tariff schedules. It is believed that prices are now almost at rock bottom.

Here is the view of E. A. S. Clarke, President of the Lackawanna Steel Company, who said:

"The cut in prices has brought out some additional orders, but not any great amount. In my opinion the situation will remain about as it is for a few months, probably until it is known what will be done in the way of tariff legislation. As soon as the tariff is settled upon I look for better business. Prices are now as low as they will go, I think. We now have the lowest price for steel we ever have had, all things considered. A reduction in tariff will not bring lower prices. It may, however, keep them down where they are for a time, and that, of course, means low wages.

"Steel rails are still being held at $28; plates have been cut about $6; structural and fabricated materials, which were a sore spot in the situation, have been cut $10 and are very probably at bottom; bars are off $4; the cut in sheets is $4 to $5; wire prices have not been affected but cuts may come; pipe has ben cut $8 to $10 a ton; in the semi-finished lines such as billets and sheet bars the reductions while reported at $2 are in reality closer to $5. Tin plate has been cut 25 cents a box.

It is stated that some very good business has developed from these savage cuts, but not much in the way of large tonnage. Consumers of raw material are watching the market sharply, ready to buy in case there is an indication of a turn in the tide. Should the new tariff bill show no great reductions in the iron and steel schedules, it is believed a flood of orders may come at present prices.

Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company talks on the situation as follows:

Whether there must be a sweeping reduction in the wage scale paid in the steel mills of the country depends entirely, in my judgment, on the now unsettled tariff situation. A lower tariff will mean lower wages, but with the existing schedules maintained, iron and steel conditions will gradually right themselves.

Unquestionably there are articles upon which the tariff is too high, thus enabling the manufacturer to maintain artificial prices, but this does not apply to steel products.

There will be lower prices for steel products very likely; indeed, I feel quite certain that we may look for a lower level, but I am in hopes that the steel industry can weather the storm without disturbing existing wage scales. It is true that the present consumption of steel in this country is not much more than 50 per cent. of the capacity of the plants, and this is of course an uncertain factor. For years the United States Steel Corporation maintained prices on an even keel and we had a long period of stability.

During the period of great demand the Steel Corporation might have had $10 or $20 more for steel than it did obtain, but instead of decreasing an advance in prices it held them steady. I believe that all buyers of steel are convinced that this is better than a condition under which we have extreme and violent fluctuations in the market.

One of the leading steel manufacturers is quoted as follows:

Business being booked is less than 50 per cent. of capacity, perhaps 40 per cent. Tariff agitation is keeping consumers out of the market. They realize that prices are very low, but fear unfavorable developments before the new tariff bill becomes law. There will be no strikes, but it is not to be expected a general reduction in wages can be put in force without some sort of a demonstration by the working classes. There will have to be a liquidation of labor, the adoption of a reasonable tariff bill and a general industrial readjustment before any pronounced improvement in business.

The steel companies continue to operate between 50 per cent. and 60 per cent. but I look to see production fall off within the next two or three months, the natural result of the industrial readjustment. The Steel Corporation, I understand, is receiving between 15,000 and 20,000 tons of steel business a day. The independents are getting less. Under such conditions anything but a shrinkage in production would be surprising.

PRIESTS VISIT WORKS.

Prelates Interested in Conditions Prevailing in Coke Region.

Brier Hill works were visited by several divines Tuesday from Uniontown who had become interested in the conditions under which the laborer works as affecting his moral surroundings, the party containing Father Bernard P. Kenna of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Uniontown, and his guests, Mission Fathers William Colbert and William Currie.

They descended into the shaft where they enjoyed a trip of inspection through the mines and among the workers.

AN ENORMOUS CHECK.

Southern Timber Deal Causes One for $1,250,000 to Be Issued.

A check for $1,125,000 on the Fidelity Trust Company was drawn by the Central Coal & Coke Company in Kansas City, in payment for a tract of timber land of 19,000 acres in Lousiana. The tract lies 125 miles south of Shreveport.

"Ten years ago," said Charles Campbell, chairman of the board of directors of the Central Coal & Coke Company, this land could have been purchased for $15 an acre, about one-fourth of what we paid for it. When the pine, it is all long-leaf yellow pine, is cut the land will be of little value It is all low and unsuitable for farming. We will clear it in about ten years. There is 300,000,000 feet of pine in the 19,000 acres. I believe the check for the land was the largest ever drawn by a business house in the West."

The owners of the tract live in Michigan. Nearly all the timber land of the Central Coal & Coke Company is in Lousiana and Texas.

MORE MACHINE MINING IN ENGLISH FIELDS

New Eight-Hour Labor Law Will Force Operators to Increase Their Mechanical Facilities.

Concerning the new eight-hour act recently enacted by the British Parliament, limiting the employment of miners below ground to that number of hours per day, Consul Maxwell Blake of Dunfermline, says that it has evoked widespread discussion. As to its effect on changing the mining of coal to more mechanical operations, the consul wrote just before the passage of the bill:

Opponents of the measure prophesy that the new law will contract the output of British coal, which has served to renew interest in the Report of the Royal Commission on Coal Supply in 1901, or at least that part dealing with the subject of coal-cutting machinery. Thus the economic aspects of the measure become primarily involved with the subject of the application of mechanical coal-cutting appliances, for unless Parliament is able to convince itself that the contemplated curtailment of the working hours of miners would be more than offset, or at least counterbalanced, by the further adoption of mechanical power below ground, the passage of the act will be impossible, especially since it is estimated that 10 per cent. reduction of working hours would mean an annual shortage of 28,000 tons production.

Summarizing the substance of recent government reports, it may be stated that the recognized outstanding benefits accruing from the employment of coal-cutting machinery are, first, that a larger and more regular output of coal is obtainable, accompanied by such other advantages as an increased percentage of large coals; improved subsurface conditions as to ventilation and timbering; the profitable removal of coal otherwise unworkable; the use of fewer explosives in taking the coal, and in many cases an annual reduction of cost as compared with hand labor.

RIVALS FOR TRAFFIC.

Completion of Virginian Railway Galvanizes C. & O. Into Activity.

HINTON, W. Va., March 17.—The Chesapeake & Ohio railway is going to resume operations on its branch lines in Raleigh county with a full force of men. The Chesapeake & Ohio purchased this line of the Raleigh & Southwestern. It runs through a gap in the mountains, where there is a tunnel and strikes the Winding Gulf country and goes down the Gulf to Mullens, a distance of about 25 miles from Pembertor. It parallels the Virginian railway that is now working on the other end of the line, beginning at Mullens and running through Pemberton.

This will open up the richest coal and timber fields in Raleigh county. It will open up a part of the lands of the Beaver Coal Company and of the McCreery Bros., the latter owning about 25,000 acres of coal lands and nearly 15,000 acres of timber lands. The acreage owned by the former company is perhaps 60,000. This is a healthy sign in railroad building, and it has a further significance, and that is that the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Virginian are not owned by the same parties. It is not considered likely that they would build competing and parallel lines of road through this extensive coal field, if both roads were really owned by the same people.

CAR GOES THE ROUTE.

First Coal Shipment Passes Over Entire Length of Virginian Railway.

While shipments for way points have been made for some time over the Virginian Railway, the first car load of coal shipped by the Chesapeake & Ohio Coal & Coke Company over the new road arrived at Norfolk last Thursday morning, the fuel being for use in a Norfolk skyscraper. The car was consigned from Deepwater, the western terminus of the road. It carried a banner 30 feet long and six feet wide bearing the name of the consignor and consignee.

The Virginia Corporation Commission has issued an amendment to the charter of the Virginian Railway Company increasing its capital stock from $33,500,000 to $36,000,000.

Need Special Train.

When the offices of the Union Supply Company are moved to Uniontown Saturday, it will require a special train to transport the records and the credentials of the business. For many years the offices have been located at Scottdale.

Mercury at 26.

Yesterday the mercury registered 26 degrees with indications pointing to fair weather. Tuesday night the temperature was 36.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, March 13, 1909.

Total Ovens.	In Blast.	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
282	200	Acme	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
86	..	Acme	Penn Coke Co.	Uniontown
375	200	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
232	....	Alverton No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
104	104	Alverton No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	50	Atlas No. 1	Cambria Steel Co.	Dunbar
400	400	Baggaley	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
182	94	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
120	..	Bethany	Majestic Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Bitner	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
56	82	Bourne	Wharton Furnace Co	Uniontown
120	120	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	Greensburg
240	200	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
306	106	Buckeye	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	..	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
260	200	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
67	40	Carbon	Keystone Coal & Coke Co	Greensburg
32	32	Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
303	200	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
54	26	Chester	E. A. Humphries & Co.	Scottdale
100	100	Clare	Clare Coke Co.	Greensburg
108	84	Clarissa	James Cochran Sons Co.	Dawson
120	100	Coalbrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	250	Colliery	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	300	Continental No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
328	300	Continental No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	200	Continental No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
333	200	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	....	Dexter	J. K. Stauffer & Co.	Scottdale
230	100	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	....	Dunn	Dunn-Connellsville Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	40	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	21	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
50	50	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co.	Greensburg
218	218	Elm Grove	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
48	....	Enterprise	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
166	125	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
97	....	Foundry	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	50	Franklin	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottdale
105	....	Frick	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
101	....	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co.	Uniontown
408	154	Grace	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
372	200	Hecla No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	150	Hecla No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	150	Hecla No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	50	Hester	Hester Coke Co.	Everson
123	....	Henry Clay	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	....	Home	Stauffer & Wiley	Scottdale
355	210	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	....	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	....	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	....	Junction	Marietta-Ganler Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
306	164	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	250	Leisenring No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	350	Leisenring No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
504	350	Leisenring No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	204	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	150	Lemont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
350	250	Lemont No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
20	20	Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
22	....	Love	C'ville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
45	45	Madison	United Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
510	300	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	300	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
40	40	Marthabel	Northern Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
165	....	Morgan	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
370	330	Mt. Braddock	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y
82	....	Mullen	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
187	....	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	32	Myers	Brownfield-C'ville Coke Co	Uniontown
329	187	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
322	200	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
328	328	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
480	480	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co.	Pittsburg
228	....	Painter	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
289	250	Paul	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
25	....	Pennsville	Pennsville Coke Co.	Pennsville
15	....	Perry	Perry Mining Co.	Perry
400	300	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
198	100	Rainey	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
446	300	Redstone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
650	562	Reliance	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
25	....	Sapper	Harding & Byrne	Scottdale
110	110	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
42	....	Shannon	Shannon Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
36	....	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
446	300	Shoaf	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
625	400	Southwest No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
252	....	Southwest No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
205	100	Southwest No. 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
151	....	Southwest No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
61	61	Spring Grove	Cochran Bros.	Dawson
503	554	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
25	....	Sterling No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
155	112	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
142	....	Summit	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co.	Uniontown
121	....	Tip Top	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
464	400	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
22	....	Tyrone	American Coal Mining Co.	Pittsburg
72	....	Union	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y
350	150	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
251	150	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
80	80	Veteran	Veteran Coke Co.	Greensburg
200	100	White	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
352	200	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	216	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	300	Yorkrun	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
241	160	Youngstown	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

WHYEL ADVISES CONSERVATISM

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Connellsville region operators as practically all the machinery in the mines of the region is driven by compressed air. The H. C. Frick Coke Company and many of the larger concerns in the region recognized the advantages of air-driven machinery years ago and have developed their equipment along that line.

A prominent Connellsville region operator had this to say in discussing the use of electricity in mines, with a representative of The Weekly Courier:

"The present mining law provides that electrical machinery may not be used where safety lamps are required. In consequence of this ruling some concerns in Western Pennsylvania outside of the Connellsville region, instead of using safety lamps, have open lamps even in gaseous mines, in order to have the benefit of the use of electricity and the result has been within the past few years that we have had some appalling disasters."

The general feeling among operators of the region is that electricity is here to stay in the mines and that under proper regulations it can be made a safe agent.

MINERS ON STRIKE.

They Oppose Introduction of New Explosive in Brownsville Region.

Opposition to the introduction of a new mining explosive has caused a strike among the miners in the Brownsville region where the black powder has been done away with. Mouserite is the new explosive, which has been in use there for some time. From the first it was objected to by the miners, although the officials insisted on its use

There are about 700 men likely to be affected by the strike Operators seem to favor the new explosive, but the miners stick to their first idea although particular reasons for their objections are not easily learned. The mines where the trouble is are those of Vesta, Albany and Peoples works

Gas Explosion Injures Three.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 16.—Neal Russell of Burgettstown, John Kirkpatrick of Cherry Valley and Samuel Goodwin of Pittsburg were seriously injured at the Cherry Valley mine No. 5 of the Pittsburg & Erie Coal Company, near Burgettstown, in an explosion of gas while they were examining a boiler. All three were serverely burned and Russell may not recover.

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"Without reference to whatever law may be passed, I say, take the appointment of state mine inspectors out of the hands of politicians and let them be selected in a fair and square examination. If that were done with the present run of mine inspectors, about one in every ten could hold his job. Theoretically, mine inspectors are now named as the result of a competitive examination, as a matter of fact these examinations are a farce.

"Arbitrary administration according to rule and rate by a mine inspector in his particular district results not in safety but in a multiplication of dangers, if an incompetent man happens to be inspector, for the conditions of mines vary and what is safe in one working may may be highly dangerous in another.

"What can we say of such a system of mine inspection as we have in Pennsylvania when a mine inspector regarded as among the most competent in the service had scarcely gotten his foot out of a mine before the latest disastrous explosion occurred?

"I do not see why the present mining law should not be retained, provided it be amended to meet present conditions and to cover probable future contingencies. As far as this region is concerned, we try to keep ahead of the ordinary methods of mining, if anything. As far as our mines may be an issue, we immediately introduce safety lamps at the least sign of the presence of gas and when advancing into fresh coal we always use safety lamps to protect the men in the event that they might run into a feeder or pocket of gas. The Connellsville region is different from any coal mining region in the United States. We do not court disaster and are as anxious to avoid it as any operator in the country. We do not want our mines wrecked or our men killed, for these things mean great monetary losses. But on the other hand, we do not want to see conditions imposed which are needless and would hamper rather than advance any real progress towards more general safety."

Blast Furnace News.

Among the blast furnaces recently placed in operation are the Victoria stack of the Goshen Iron Company at Goshen, Va.; Hamilton stack of the Hanging Rock Iron Company; the furnace of the Bird Iron Company, at Ironton, O. The Buffalo Union Furnace Company blew out one of its stacks last month.

Four thousand coal miners are on strike at the Abordare collieries at Llangollen, Wales.

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SUCCESSFUL COKE OVEN DOOR HAS AT LAST BEEN PERFECTED.

Steel Frame Double Door Stands Severest Tests at Several Plants for More Than a Year.

INVENTED BY JOHN WHITAKER

He Accomplishes What Others Have Failed to Do And His Work Gives to the Connellsville Coke Industry a Big Money Saving Device.

Doors for coke ovens which are doors in fact as well as name, and will stand under the exacting conditions of a burning oven have at last been perfected. They have been tried out in the Connellsville region during the past year and dozens of plants, not only in this region but in West Virginia as well, are figuring on adding them to their ovens. The new doors are pronounced a success by the most competent managers of coking plants in this region and since they are no longer in the experimental stage, their rapid adoption seems certain. It is another step towards saving labor on the yards, an object which has been sought in many different ways during the past few years.

The new door is as simple as it is efficient. It consists of a frame of angle steel which is divided into four parts, making four separate doors in one, but all on the same framework. It is a double door, swinging open in the center. Each of the four divisions of the door swings on a hinge of its own, the four hinges, two to a side, being attached to the oven wall behind the jambs. The steel frames, when first attached are filled with brick. After the oven has been charged, these doors require practically no additional work, it being necessary to daub only the chinks, instead of the entire front of the brick work as is the case with the old-fashioned brick door which must be built into beehive ovens after each charge.

The advantages of the new door are many. A few may be summarized as follows:

First—It saves labor on the yards. With ordinary brick doors, renewed after each run, it takes one man for every dozen ovens or so, to do this work.

Second—The door being one which can be opened or closed instantly, as soon as coke has been drawn or rammed out (which is done in push ovens in about 30 seconds), the door is closed instantly and the full heat of the oven is preserved for a long time which, as all coke makers know, is a great advantage when the oven is again charged.

Third—The new door saves not only labor cost but other costs. In the case of one set of doors now in use at Continental No. 1 plant of the H. C. Frick Coke Company, the set having been attached to the oven over six months ago as an experiment, the total cost since its installation has been 81 cents which was the cost of the brick used and which are still in place.

Other of these doors have been tested for fully a year at various plants in the coke region including the Herbert works of the Connellsville Central Coke Company and at Tower Hill No. 1. Some are also about to be installed at the new Royal plant of W. J. Rainey while the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company proposes to use them at its projected thousand-oven coke plant at Aliquippa, Pa. In addition to this, the owners of the patents and the manufacturers are receiving scores of inquiries from the West Virginia coking fields. The door at once appeals to all engaged in the making of coke as something meritorious, money and labor-saving; in brief, an improvement which is of great practical use and simplifies the coking operation at a point where speed means money.

The door is the invention of John Whitaker of Connellsville who has numerous patents bearing on the manufacture of coke to his credit. Mr. Whitaker recently received his letters patent, all claims having been allowed in full. Although a young man, he has given many years to the study of problems involved in improving the ordinary things about a coke oven, which everyone has to use, and any improvement in which is bound to meet with favor, provided the improvement is something more than a fad. Mr. Whitaker gave many days and nights of serious work to the invention of the oven door and after applying for his patent, took the precautionary step of securing installation at several plants in order that he might have the benefit of a thorough test. Some of the doors so installed have been in use a full year and are still good, so that their life is not known.

The doors may be attached either to beehive or push ovens or any other form of oven. On one plant of 100 ovens in the region, it costs the management $8.00 daily to pay the wages alone of masons and helpers to keep their doors in some kind of shape, and then the orifice is often badly sealed. The new steel-frame door does away with all this at one sweep, providing a permanent seal for the apertures. Any shapes of brick may be used in filling in the doors and broken pieces are useful as the mass has a firm framework in which to rest. No special shapes of brick are needed.

The year's test has developed the fact that these doors will not warp and the manufacturer will guarantee this to any concern which wishes to test the invention. In each case the doors will be made on separate specifications, to suit the size of the oven and its style. It is expected that all of the push ovens in the region will probably be equipped with the new style of door and many beehive ovens as well, owing to their great convenience, ease in using, and the saving effected. The saving effected by the installation of these doors will in a short time pay for them.

The patents are held by Mr. Whitaker, who has arranged with the Connellsville Iron Works, of which he is General Manager, for the manufacture of the doors at their plant in Connellsville. Mr. Whitaker has during the past few months been warmly congratulated by the leading coke region men on the invention as they realize its value. It is conceded generally to be the best door that has ever been placed on an oven. Men who have been in the coke business for a lifetime say the door is the best thing in its line they have ever seen and they are giving evidence of their belief by adopting it at their plants.

Many of these managers have in the past tried various doors which were placed on the market but found them failures, for one reason or another. Mr. Whitaker has succeeded in eliminating the defects, at the same time holding to the first idea of producing something which would be simple and practical. He has succeeded in showing the coke men, by a full year's test of the door that it is all he claims, and they are enthusiastic in their approval. Many of them are placing orders for equipping their plants so that they will have them in shape when business resumes in full swing.

GREAT ACTIVITY AT THE MARIANNA MINE

Increased Equipment Means a Largely Increased Coal Output at Now Well Known Mine.

John H. Jones, President of the Pittsburg-Buffalo Coal Company, inspected the Marianna mine Thursday. It is stated that the Marianna mine will within a few days become the scene of the greatest activity of any mine in Western Pennsylvania. The output of the mine, it is reported, will be doubled within a month.

Twenty-two mining machines arrived last week and will be placed at once. Fifty old machines were ordered turned. Fifty more entries will be driven in the mine and the workings of the colliery will thereby be greatly enlarged. Since March 1, 150 additional miners were put to work and it is expected that 100 more will be employed this week.

A large order of new conveying machinery has also arrived and will be installed as rapidly as possible.

During the past week orders were received for 350,000 tons of coal, all of which will probably be furnished by the Marianna mine. These orders, with additional ones, expected within a few days, mean steady employment for hundreds of men during the year. The present output of the mine is about 500 tons, but before the end of the present month the output will have been increased to 1,000 tons.

COAL COMPANY WINS.

Jury Finds for Pittsburg Coal Company Against Allen Brothers.

GREENSBURG, March 12.—Under binding instructions from the court the jury in the case of the Allen brothers versus the Pittsburg Coal Company, rendered a verdict for the coal company. The plaintiffs sued to secure royalties amounting to nearly $30,000 they claimed due them from the taking out of thousands of tons of coal from their property in Rostraver township, which they had leased with a royalty clause.

Under the terms of the lease the defendant company was to mine not less than 40,000 tons annually. It was shown that in the period between 1892 and 1896 a great deal more than that was mined, and would be accredited to the company. This was the last case set for trial at the February term of Common Pleas court and the twelve jurors were discharged.

P. R. R. COKE CAR.

New Design Will Have Eight Openings for Unloading.

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—In an effort to provide shippers of coke with an improved car, which can be loaded and unloaded in the shortest possible time, the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg have specified that of the recent order for 2,200 new cars, 1,000 should be all-steel cars of new design and of greater capacity than any coke cars hitherto built for regular service.

The main novelty in these cars will consist of four hoppers, with eight openings in the bottom of the car, making the car practically self-clearing.

The total capacity of each of the new cars is 2,794 cubic feet providing for a load of 100,000 pounds.

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40	.....	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
32	.....	Anica	Kaine & Wilkey Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	32	Annamyra	Leckrone Coke Co.	Uniontown
138	.....	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gans
20	.....	Baxter Ridge	Baxter Ridge Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	50	Bridgeport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	470	Brier Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co	Uniontown
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Brownsville
426	350	Buffington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
30	.....	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
200	150	Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
32	.....	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Scottdale
205	152	Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	.....	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
24	.....	Coffman	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	450	Colonial No. 1	Colonial Coke Co	Pittsburg
30	.....	Colonial No. 2	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
156	.....	Colonial No. 3	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	100	Colonial No. 4	Colonial Coke Co.	Pittsburg
142	70	Grillis	Rocks Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
120	.....	Crystal	Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
250	200	Dearth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
240	240	Donald No. 1	Consol.dated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
162	84	Donald No. 2	Consol.dated Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
35	30	Dorothea	Iron City Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
44	24	Dorothy	Jacobs Creek Coke Co.	Uniontown
52	.....	E. Connellsville	E. Connellsville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	350	Edenborn	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
145	145	Edna	Walterburg Coke Co	Uniontown
60	30	Eleanor	Connellsville Standard Coke Co	Pittsburg
32	.....	Emory	South Fayette Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	200	Footedale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
50	50	Francis	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Martin
80	.....	Fretts	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
31	10	Garwood	Dunlap-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
53	.....	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
499	459	Griffin Nos. 1 & 2	Bessmer Coke Co	Pittsburg
100	100	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	12	Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Uniontown
100	.....	Huston	Hustead-Stimms Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
200	.....	LaBelle	Labella Coke Co.	Labelle
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Helen
460	350	Lambert	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
616	200	Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
250	150	Low Phos.	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
192	.....	Marvin	Woodside Coke Co	Pittsburg
202	30	McKeefrey	McKeefrey Coal Co.	Leetonia, Ohio
100	100	Millsboro	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
50	.....	Murphy	Echard Coal & Coke Co	Star Junction
30	.....	Newcomer	Newcomer Coke Co.	Newcomer
32	24	Old Home	W. J. Parshall	Uniontown
480	320	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
34	34	Parshall No. 1	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
168	168	Parshall No. 2	Puritan Coke Co.	Uniontown
30	.....	Perry	Perry Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72	.....	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co.	Uniontown
400	.....	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Uniontown
120	56	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Outcrop
350	250	Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
128	110	Royal	W. J. Rainey	New York, N. Y.
258	200	Somerset	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	105	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
290	145	Sterling	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
160	80	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	120	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	50	Teresa	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
148	2	Tower Hill No. 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co.	Uniontown
261	74	Tower Hill No. 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
100	10	Virginia	Consolidated C'ville Coal & Coke Co.	Uniontown
500	300	Washington No. 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	294	Washington No. 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson

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BALTIMORE, March 17.—A. W. Thompson, chief engineer of maintenance of way of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, has been elected a director of the American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of D. D. Carothers, late chief engineer of the Baltimore & Ohio.

Mr. Thompson has also been made a member of the committee on rail of the association.

This is one of the most important of American railway committees, its membership, which is limited to 20, including such foremost men in engineering and operation as President Delano of the Wabash; Vice President Kendrick of the Santa Fe; Professor Dudley and Chief Engineer Kittridge of the New York Central lines; Chief Engineer Baldwin, of the Illinois Central, chief engineer maintenance of way of the Pennsylvania, chief engineer of the Grand Truck Railway of Canada; Consulting Engineer Isaacs of the Harriman lines, and Chief Engineer Berry, of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific system. Mr. Carothers was chairman of the rail committee at the time of his death.

VISIT COKE REGION.

W. V. U. Engineering Students on Inspection Trip of Two Days.

MORGANTOWN, March 12.—Under the direction of the State geologist and two professors, 19 or 20 of the students enrolled in the department of mining at the university left this morning on a two days' trip through Western Pennsylvania, the trip being the second annual one of the department. Today a number of mines operated by the H. C. Frick Coke Company near Uniontown, will be visited, while on Saturday the entire day will be devoted to experiments carried on at the United States government testing station at Pittsburg.

From the Fayette county capital the party will go by trolley to Connellsville, stopping off at a number of stations where coal mines are in operation.

A reckless jump to land on a moving trip cost Peter Zanetta, a driver, his life in the Pandora mine of the Loyalhanna Coal & Coke Company. He missed his hold and was crushed under the cars.

Greer Tin Plant to Resume.

NEW CASTLE Pa., March 16.—Orders were yesterday received by Superintendent Bert Ross of the Greer tin plant to begin operations in full next Monday morning.

Coal and oil have been recently discovered in Madagascar.

Auditors' Report

AUDITORS' REPORT OF UPPER Tyrone Township for the year ending March 18, 1909.

To amount of duplicate	$4,645.51	
Cr. by amount paid treasurer prior to June 1, 1908		1,500.00
Cr. by amount collected prior to November 1, 1908		513.83
Cr. by balance in hands of collector		928.73
Cr. by amount of tax worked out		1,702.85
Total	$4,645.51	$4,645.51

Treasurer's Account.

Dr. balance in treasurer's hands from 1907	$ 186.00
Dr. to amount collected prior to June 1, 1908	1,425.00
Dr. (Amount collected $1,500.00 less 5 per cent or $1,425.00.)	
Dr. to amount collected prior to November 1, 1908	513.83
Dr. to amount received from collector	406.00
Dr. to amount received from B. & O. R. R. Co for repairing stone crusher which they broke	24.75
Total	$2,555.58
Cr. by amount paid for blacksmithing	$ 6.50
Cr. by amount paid for auditors fees	4.00
Cr. by amount paid for removing a tree and repairing troughs	15.00
Cr. by amount paid for labor on roads	322.09
Cr. by amount paid for road masters, etc.	798.83
Cr. by amount paid for interest on notes	55.50
Cr. by amount paid for secretary's salary	128.00
Cr. by amount for township clerk	26.15
Cr. by amount paid for stone and coal (coal used for crusher)	127.55
Cr. by amount paid for printing supplies, etc.	6.69
Cr. by amount paid for Treasurer's commission expenses, etc.	100.00
Cr. by amount paid for personal expenses of supervisors	58.00
Cr. by amount paid for teams for hauling stone, etc.	48.80
Cr. by amount paid for back orders paid	30.28
Cr. by amount paid for note (paid to First National Bank of Scottdale, Pa.)	1,100.00
To amount in treasurer's hands	72.80
	$2,900.28
Less outstanding orders not paid	344.70
Total	$2,555.58
Amount owed by township on notes	$ 775.00

We, the undersigned auditors of Upper Tyrone township, do certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. C. PROVINS,
HENRY L. SWIFT,
Auditors.

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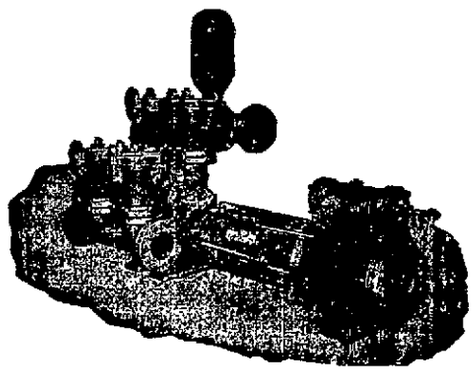

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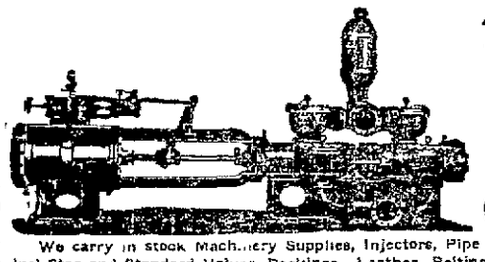

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THURSDAY MORNING, MAR 18, '09

SPEAKER CANNON ELECTED, PROMPT TARIFF PROMISED

The organization of the House at Washington resulted in a draw. Speaker Cannon has been reelected without serious opposition and without serious curtailment of his powers under the old rules, on the other hand the Republican insurgents and the Democrats forced the modification of the rules in the direction of freer debate and less autocracy on the part of the presiding officer the most important modification perhaps being the establishment of the right of a member to speak without the previous private permission of the Man with the Gavel.

The net results are reported to be satisfactory to the Republicans and they are certainly so to the business men of the country who desire above all things a prompt settlement of the Tariff question and who feared that the establishment of a right to unlimited debate in the House as well as in the Senate might prolong consideration of the Tariff bill interminably and lengthen out intolerably the agony of business indecision and trade stagnation.

The decks are now cleared for action the new Tariff bill is ready to be reported to the House and it will doubtless be disposed of with dispatch by that body. Reasonable opportunity will be given those who oppose its features to be heard but anything that smacks of filibustering will not be permitted. The Senate rules, which unfortunately often sacrifice the public interests to that personal prerogative known as Senatorial Courtesy, makes it problematical when the measure will be finally passed upon there but the efforts of Senators Penrose and Oliver will help to make the fight as short and decisive as possible.

In the meantime the coke operators the business men and the workingmen of the Connellsville region will await the result with patience and with the hope that the results will make the wheels go round at a livelier pace than they have known for a matter of eighteen months.

THE TARIFF AND WAGES AND THE COST OF LIVING

In revising the Tariff law the statesmen at Washington have in view two things, namely Revenue and Protection, revenue for the needs of the Government, and incidental protection to American industry.

The Tariff is a many sided subject, and in its readjustment the first care of the Congress should be the welfare of the whole people, a large majority of whom are what Colonel Bryan loves to call the Common People.

It is already hinted in some quarters that any radical reduction of the Tariff will compel manufacturers to reduce the wages of their workmen. We hope that nothing like this will be attempted, and it is vastly to the credit of the large corporations that their policy is against it.

While wages are higher than they ever were in good times, the necessaries of life have more than kept pace. The products of the mine and mill have tumbled in price but those of the farm are higher than ever. The poor man has a hard time making both ends meet as matters now are. A reduction in wages without a corresponding reduction in his living expenses will prove a great hardship if it does not actually breed want and suffering. The threat of such a result should receive the careful consideration of the Ways and Means Committee and the members of Congress generally.

The possibility of lower values in foodstuffs is very remote. Prices have suffered no diminution during the dull business year through which we have passed. We are forced to conclude that while there is an over production of manufactured products there is an underproduction of farm products. It looks as if the top-soil of the country had been neglected for the sub-soil, that the country has forgotten the necessity of farming in its frenzied efforts to beat the world at manufacturing.

As we have stated on numerous occasions the prosperity of the people comes primarily from the soil. Good crops are the first essential to good business. The United States is a big garden capable of supplying all the people abundantly and having a large surplus to sell to less favored nations. It ought to be the first care of the Government to encourage agriculture.

Abundant and energetic farming yields liberal profits and affords the people cheaper living and a better chance to save something against the misfortunes of the future and the infirmities of age.

The policy of the Roosevelt administration was to prevent the public lands from being appropriated by big corporate interests and to give them out only to actual settlers, men who proposed to farm. That policy will doubtless be continued under the Taft administration. It is a wise as well as a humane policy, and in due season it will yield an abundant harvest of national prosperity.

In the meantime Tariff Reduction should not be permitted to spell Reduced Wages.

PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS AND RIGHT OF EMINENT DOMAIN

The right of eminent domain is proposed to be extended to electric lighting companies. Under proper and reasonable regulations safeguarding the rights of citizens against unsightly obstructions and unwarrantable and unnecessary intrusions upon their property this right should be extended to all public service corporations.

If it is necessary for one public service corporation to possess this supreme right for the proper service of the people it is just as necessary for all such corporations to have it. The right should not be denied but it should be subject to reasonable and proper regulation such right of regulation extending to the borough or township authorities affected by the construction or operation of such public service.

Public service corporations should not be obstructed by stubborn and unreasonable citizens neither should they unnecessarily disregard the comforts and conveniences of the citizen nor wantonly disfigure nor destroy the beauties of his home. Public service corporations should be prevented by law from needlessly imposing upon any community or any citizen unsightly unsanitary destructive or annoying conditions.

It should be the right of the citizen or the community to object and of the courts to equitably determine the force of such objection after investigation which it should be their duty upon their own motion to make searching and thorough this because of the fact that their decisions would necessarily affect many people not parties to the suit.

"The greatest good to the greatest number" is the principle upon which public service corporations are permitted the prerogative of eminent domain and in its exercise that principle should be strictly followed.

TAX DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CORPORATIONS

The Washington Observer remarks and speculates as follows:

The Connellsville Courier is inclined to hold back on the proposition to make the corporations of Pennsylvania pay more tax. Perhaps it will not object to their paying as much as the individual citizens pays on the same amount of property.

We certainly do not object to corporations paying as much taxes as individuals but we have protested and still do protest against their paying any more primarily as a matter of equity and justice but also because the efforts of demagogic lawmakers which are aimed at the big corporations popularly known as the trusts reach almost all of the smaller partnerships of the State which have now taken on the form of corporations for convenience sake.

We are in favor of the corporations paying taxes on all the real estate they own and we believe they do this but we are not in favor of one combination of business capital paying taxes which another combination is exempted from paying. In other words we do not think it is fair for a corporate partnership to pay taxes on its capital when a private partnership pays none. Yet the corporate partnership already pays a special tax and it is now proposed to materially increase that tax. It is bad enough now. We most certainly object to making the discrimination any worse.

The Observer Company is a corporation. The Courier Company is a corporation yet no long since they were private partnerships and they are practically private partnerships today.

In objecting to any further increase in the arbitrary tax on corporations we speak for The Observer for ourselves and for justice generally. Against equitable taxation we have no objections but against double or treble taxation we do most mightily protest.

A TENNESSEE IDEA OF THE HIGHER LAW

It has remained for a Tennessee lawyer to propose an extension of the limits of the Higher Law to a point which cannot possibly have the endorsement of the press of the country.

Counsel for Colonel Cooper who waylaid and shot Editor Carmack in cold blood, advances the proposition that it is no crime to kill an editor especially if that editor dares to criticise you in his newspaper.

It is quite true that there is a marked difference between editorial liberty or more properly speaking editorial duty and editorial license but in spite of the fact that some editors basely and brutally abuse such poor privilege as the laws have left them, it will be a sad day for the country when such a legal proposition as that mentioned receives the countenance of courts or the approval of juries.

A Free Press is just as much the safety of a Free Nation as it was when the Fathers of the Constitution so declared.

THE PENDULUM OF PUBLIC OPINION IN PENNSYLVANIA

The defeat of the Fair Local Option bill in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg last night by the decisive majority of 131 to 66 disposes of this political issue for two years to come if not for many more.

It is evident that public sentiment in Pennsylvania adheres firmly to the opinion that the moral and material interests of the people are better conserved by open regulation of the liquor traffic than by prohibition in any form.

Experience has taught us that prohibition does not prohibit. It is a theory which fails in practise. Instead of the open barroom we have the secret speakeasy. If one is bad the other is infinitely worse.

The limitations on the sale of liquor under the Brooks law are strict and are usually strictly enforced. There are no limitations upon the speakeasy proprietor whether his place of business be a doggery or a drug parlor. Anybody who has the money can purchase and the allurement to the young is strongest there.

The law very properly forbids the sale of liquor to persons under age for the reason that they are too susceptible to the formation of habits of excessive indulgence which they never shake off. In the fullness of manhood the average person can be trusted to use meat and drink in moderation, in youth never. Local Option presents the cup where License forbids it.

Prohibition in its various forms has been repeatedly tried in this country and the people have invariably gone back to a license system as the best practical means of regulating the liquor traffic. The wave of Prohibition sentiment which is just now sweeping over the South and other portions of the country will doubtless prove to be intermittent like all previous movements of similar character.

The undeniable evils of the excessive uses of liquor prompt well meaning citizens to seek some means of eliminating them and either Local Option or Prohibition suggest themselves as remedies. They are tried and they fail and the pendulum of popular opinion swings back the other way.

Pennsylvania is not radically different from other States in this regard but the pendulum here swings more deliberately. Public opinion is less spasmodic and more settled with regard to the wisest way to regulate the liquor traffic.

THE PROPOSED NEW TOWNSHIP ROAD LAW

The proposed new road law for townships is in many respects an improvement over the existing law, but not in all respects.

The new law permits the Supervisors to select a treasurer from among themselves to make the employment of a road master optional by contract with an individual for the keeping of ten miles of road in any one year instead of but three miles. The clerk of the Supervisors shall be the Township Clerk the work tax is abolished and the duplicate is to be collected by the regular Tax Collector of the township who is authorized to give five per cent off for payments before June 1st and to add five per cent after October 1. The State is to pay the township 50 per cent bonus on the cash duplicate.

The chief objection to the proposed law is the clause permitting Supervisors to elect one of their number Treasurer even though his commission and their renumeration are to be fixed by the Township Auditors. The relation between the Supervisors and the Treasurer are too intimate to make it good public policy to permit the Supervisors to appoint the Treasurer from among their own number.

THE BOROUGH TAX LEVY SHOULD BE CAREFULLY MADE

It is all right for the Ways and Means Committee of Congress to report a Tariff bill immediately after the appointment of its members because a majority of them have already investigated the question exhaustively but we doubt the wisdom of the Finance Committee of the Town Council reporting a tax levy this evening.

We understand that the prospective members of this committee have given the matter one evening's consideration but they will probably know more about it if they have the Auditors report before them and this can probably be had before another meeting.

In the meantime the necessity of making the levy is not so urgent that proper deliberation should be sacrificed. If so the Council should have adjourned for a few days only for the purpose of giving the President an opportunity to make up his committees. This would have enabled the Finance Committee to consider the matter for a week or ten days before making a report at this meeting.

The tax levy is one of the most important duties of the Council and it should be performed only after the most thorough consideration of the probable necessary expenditures of the coming year taken in connection with the present resources and liabilities.

CONGRESSMAN ACHESON AND HIS SUCCESSOR

Ernest Francis Acheson of Washington county who represented this part of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives at Washington for fourteen years past, and who now retires in favor of John K. Tener bows himself gracefully out in these words from the Washington Observer his paper:

Mr Tener will take his place in the special session of Congress next week. He is a man of wide acquaintance in this district who has been and is identified with many business and financial interests in this county. He has never been in public life nor held any political office and he will enter upon his duties with the best endeavor undoubtedly to represent his district to the best of his ability. He has his record to make.

The Observer also makes these just observations on Mr Acheson's official career:

It is not necessary to make any comment upon Mr Acheson's record. His long service in Congress and his splendid achievements in the interests of his constituents are well known and recognized even by his political enemies. The very fact that he has been in Congress for fourteen years when only a few hundred out of the many thousands who have been elected to the National Congress have served this length of time is most creditable especially so considering the character of the constituency he served.

Western Pennsylvania generally regrets that Congressman Acheson fell a victim to factional politics because aside from this he was a useful member. The ability of a Congressman to care for the needs of his district and its people grows in proportion to his term of continuous service hence the folly of the rotation plan. The office should not be regarded as an official plum but as a public trust to be administered usefully in the interest of the people.

Congressman Tener is vouched for as a good man and The Observer endorses that voucher. It adds truthfully that he has a record to make, but Congressman Tener is a forceful man and we have no doubt he will make rapid headway in the accomplishment of the task set to his hand.

THE ELABORATION OF THE FAYETTE COUNTY IDEA

The Legislature evinces a disposition to radically reform the penal and reformatory institutions of the State along lines which will meet with public approval.

It is proposed to take the jails out of the hands of the Sheriffs to establish a series of Workhouses throughout the State to remove the Penitentiaries to the country to provide all such public institutions with sewage disposal plants to abolish Poor Directors and place the management of the almshouses in the hands of the County Commissioners and generally to make all penal and charitable institutions as far as possible sanitary and healthful and self-supporting.

The revelations concerning the management of the jails and almshouses in some of the Western Pennsylvania counties including Fayette possibly had something to do with this Legislative action but if it results in the enactment of any or all of the proposed measures into laws these ill winds will have blown a large measure of public good.

The proposition to establish a self supporting local Workhouse has already been made in Fayette county and is now under consideration its final determination being dependent in a large measure upon the success of the County Commissioners in disposing of the valuable coal lands upon which the present Almshouse is situated at their proper value. In this regard Fayette county is one lap ahead of the Legislature.

The public will watch the course of these measures with interest. Their enactment into laws will mark the elaboration of a Fayette county idea and a distinct advancement in the management of our public institutions.

THE STEAM ROLLER OF THE BUCKING VARIETY

The Cambria county Commissioners have voted to purchase a new steam roller and the Latrobe Bulletin says there is one for sale over that way at a reduced figure the present owners having no further use for it.

The recent organization of the Connellsville Council developed the fact that there is a steam roller here which is in excellent operation but which is perhaps not for sale.

Experience has taught however that while the steam roller is a good thing in roadmaking it is a poor thing in politics because it invariably crushes its drivers. Bryan used it at Denver he is now a member of the Down and Out Club.

His was another of the bucking variety and there is reason to think that the Connellsville roller is a member of the same family.

THE PUBLIC SPIRITED AND POORLY PAID EDITOR

The proposition to publish certain laws in the newspapers will be referred to by unthinking persons as pap for the printers. Yet the departments whose laws are sought to be made public have been trying for some years past to convince the newspapers that they ought to print this matter for nothing, because it is for public information.

There is a persistent determination in certain quarters to assume that the publisher and especially the country publisher is a public servant whose duty it is to serve the public without much other compensation than the reward of an approving conscience but unfortunately for the publisher this approving conscience won't pay the payroll Saturday afternoon nor will it satisfy the claims of the paper and ink dealers every month, nor will it purchase type and machinery.

The publisher and his family can't live on air or clothe themselves in public spirit. The one does not satisfy hunger nor does the other cover nakedness.

Publishers would like to be philanthropists and most of them are to the full limit of their ability. No class of citizens exhibit more public spirit and receive less remuneration for their work.

The agitation of the proposition to publish the laws is not one of private gain much less newspaper graft. The prices set for the work in times past have been so low that the measures were opposed by a large proportion of the newspapers themselves on the ground that the rate was unprofitable.

The publication of the laws is a duty which the Legislature owes to the people. Its cost will be trifling compared with the cost of many other less important propositions.

Private banks must hereafter put out their signs just the same as oleomargerine. The Legislature has no objection to people dealing in either but it is determined that the public shall know each for just what they are.

The verdict in the case of Constable Shrum tried for the shooting of a Slavish merrymaker in New Haven and wounding him in such a manner that he cannot recover but is doomed to a lingering death was justifiable under the law. It is not probable that Constable Shrum was bent on murder but there was evidence that he acted rashly and indiscreetly otherwise he should have been acquitted. An officer of the law is never presumed to be guilty of infracting the law unless the fact is clearly shown. His position renders it necessary that the presumption of righteousness shall be and remain with him under all circumstances. In the absence of such presumption his service would be perilous and inefficient.

The miners and the operators are shooting from the solid at Harrisburg this week.

The Standard Octopus is fighting suits in every State. It needs every tentacle it has to save its hide from being punched full of holes.

The Iron Duke has no rust on him.

Statesmen seem to drift naturally to editorial duties. For example there's the Hon Theodore Roosevelt and the Hon Ernest F Acheson. We welcome them both to the ranks of the Fourth Estate. A great statesman makes a great editor and if we were not so modest we might say vice versa.

The Connellsville coke operators are standing pat as to prices. They ought to do so. Coke prices have been on the bottom for a year past while iron and steel prices have been floating on top.

Judge Telford of Indiana county has laid down a little more judge made license law than usual. He requires the licensee to refuse to permit any treating. The treating habit is undoubtedly responsible for a great deal of intemperance but intemperance is not confined to the use of intoxicants. It is possible for a judge to be intemperate in the use of his power. If there is any principle of law that is fully established it is that the Legislature make the law and the courts interpret and enforce it. A conscientious judge never adds to or takes away from the statute.

Corporations should be taxed just like individuals and everybody should be equitably taxed.

The anthracite operators seem to be standing pat. They have the advantage of standing on the award of disinterested arbitrators.

If Tennessee is going to establish the doctrine that all editors ought to be shot on sight it is to be hoped that the editors will be given the same chance as other game and be protected at certain periods of the year with a closed season.

The health laws are to be codified. This has been in existence a shorter time than the borough laws which have been in existence for more than a century and are still in a state of almost hopeless confusion. If the present Legislature can do no better it ought to appoint a commission to codify the borough laws and report at the next session.

West Newton has awakened to the fact that it is not really such a dry town after all.

The movement against Uncle Joe Cannon is a movement against the Speaker and not against the man. The iron rulings of Tom Reed have served the country effectively in critical times but they are not the embodiment of the spirit of free speech. Speech is free only in the Senate and there it is often too free. It will perhaps be best to adopt some middle course but whatever is done the opportunity of the minority to talk a measure to death should be entirely eliminated.

The new coke car of the hopper variety seems to be hopping into favor at railroad speed.

The recent attempts to hold up the West Penn are not the first by any means though they are perhaps more in public than the others.

The suspension by the railroad companies of the demurrage rule is only fair to shippers in view of the fact that trade is dull and the railway sidings are filled with idle cars.

The West Virginia University engineering students are taking some practical lessons in the Connellsville region mines.

The experience of lay offs in the coke region illustrates anew the old adage. Satan finds mischief for idle hands to do.

A Tariff with incidental Protection is all right if the Protection is not too incidental.

The proposed Tariff changes are not so threatening as they look. The biggest threat to business lies in their uncertainty.

Maxim's noiseless gun is not encouraging to the conservators of the peace. Too many murders are mysterious enough without adding to their opportunities in that direction.

We may yet be proud of the fact that we are the home of Connellsville glass bricks as well as Connellsville coke. The glass brick is becoming eminently practical as well as highly decorative.

The Iron Duke of Congress is not a radical Revisionist of the Iron Tariff and to this extent at least he is acceptable to the Connellsville coke region interests.

State roads are very convenient and in some degree profitable to the communities in which they are built but there are other matters which have greater claims upon the consideration of the State.

The Greene county Prohibitionists are trying to chase the Demon Rum clean out of the county.

Scottdale's Board of Health is wrestling with a threatened outbreak of scarlet fever. Diseases such as this are not to be trifled with. This is a time when eternal vigilance is the price of public safety.

When the industries of the country know where they are at they will adjust themselves to their new conditions grease the wheels and get a gait on.

Blair county ministers who catechised the court with respect to his views on the license law received an answer which was prompt, temperate and wise.

GRIM REAPER IS ACTIVE OF LATE.

Garners Sad Harvest of Old Residents in and About Mt. Pleasant.

ONE WAS 93 YEARS OF AGE

Another a Year Younger Also Called. Henry W Stoner Was Probably One of Oldest Bank Presidents in Western Pennsylvania.

MT PLEASANT March 15.—Within the last few hours several of this community's oldest and best known residents have passed to the great beyond, while the Grim Reaper has not spared his visits to others in the earlier walks of life.

With the death of Henry Bowman the community lost one of its Civil War veterans who had survived a half century after the great struggle. He was 93 years of age. He died at the home of his son Henry Bowman Jr Friday the infirmities of age laying him low. Deceased is survived by three sons George of Connellsville and Homer and Henry of Mt Pleasant and one daughter Mrs Samuel Wakefield of Mt Pleasant.

The funeral was held Saturday at 10 o'clock at the Baptist Church with interment at Mt Pleasant.

Henry W Stoner aged 92 years died in Mt Pleasant at the home of his son George W. Stoner on Eagle street Saturday after an unusually long and useful carreer in agricultural and financial circles. He was from East Huntingdon township where he had spent many years as a farmer and came to Mt. Pleasant in 1900 where at his advanced age he soon was elected president of the First National Bank for five years. He retired from this position in 1906 at the age of nearly 90 years being probably the oldest active bank official in this section.

He is survived by the following named children: Mrs H R Freed Mt Pleasant, George W Stoner cashier First National Bank Mt Pleasant, Harry H Stoner, Alverton, Mrs Charles T Fox Findlay O and Blair W Stoner of Wilkinsburg.

Next in point of age is Lafayette Brothers who died Friday morning at his country home at Brush Run at the age of 83 years. His death was brought about by a slight stroke of paralysis. He was very well known here having been formerly a resident. Funeral services were conducted at the Dunkard Church this morning and interment made in the private burial lot of the Brothers family in which they have been burying for several generations.

Mrs Rebecca Brallier died at the Memorial hospital at 11 o'clock Saturday morning where she had been taking treatment for stomach troubles. She was 74 years of age and the widow of the late J J Brallier who for many years prior to his death had conducted a store in Mt Pleasant. Among the survivors are Mrs Henry Cunningham and Mrs Hamilton Tarr both of Mt Pleasant and by Jones Brallier of Uniontown children. Funeral Monday at 11 o'clock at the Diamond street home conducted by her pastor J R Deitrick of the First Reformed Church.

NURSE DIES FROM PARALYTIC STROKE

Is Stricken While Descending The Stair Steps in Mt Pleasant This Morning.

MT PLEASANT March 10.—As the result of a stroke of paralysis which she suffered while descending a pair of stairs at the home of Mr and Mrs Smith at Mt Pleasant Miss Mary Bowers a well known nurse of this place died this morning. Funeral Friday afternoon from the local Methodist Episcopal Church of which the deceased was a member. Interment at Mt Pleasant.

Deceased was 64 years old and unmarried. She was born and reared near Dawson. The following brothers and sisters survive: David and William both of this place, Mrs John Adams of Philadelphia and Mrs Thomas Andrews of Erie Ill.

DIED.

Mrs Sicklesmith Dies

Mrs Mattie Alexander Sicklesmith aged 4[illegible] years wife of Postmaster Samuel B Sicklesmith of the West Side died Monday afternoon at 4:[illegible] o'clock at her late home on [illegible] street. Death was due to Bright's disease. Deceased was taken seriously ill about six weeks ago and for several weeks hovered between life and death. A little over a week ago her condition became greatly improved and up until last Saturday the prospects for her recovery were very bright. She remained so up until the time of her death. Funeral was held yesterday morning at 9 o'clock from her late home. Rev C M Watson of the Christian Church officiated.

Deceased was the daughter of the late Thomas and Sara Alexander and was born in McKeesport. Most of her girlhood days she spent in McKeesport and Wellsville O. About 16 years ago she was married to Samuel B Sicklesmith. Soon after their marriage they came to New Haven to reside Mr Sicklesmith being made Pennsylvania ticket agent at that place. Practically all her married life she spent in New Haven. She was a member of the Christian Church and of the C W B M Auxiliary. Deceased was widely and favorably known and her sudden death came as a great shock to her many friends. In addition to her husband and one son Joseph she is survived by one brother Joseph Alexander, of the West Side.

Joseph H Korns

After a several months illness Joseph H Korns a prominent retired farmer of Fayette county died Wednesday at midnight at his late home on the old Claire farm near Wooddale. Death was due to complication of diseases.

Mr Korns was aged about 73 years and was born and reared near Wellersburg Somerset county. When a young man he learned the trade of a stone mason and later gave up his trade to engage in farming which occupation he followed up until about two years ago when he retired from active work owing to his poor health. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Claire a well known young woman of Wooddale. No children were born to the union.

About 24 years ago he moved from Somerset to the old Claire homestead near Wooddale where he resided up until the time of his death. He was widely known throughout Somerset and Fayette counties. Mr Korns was a member of the Reformed Church of Scottdale. In addition to his widow he is survived by the three brothers and two sisters Mrs Lydia Weisel of Pittsburg, Miss Matilda Blubaugh Jacob, and Wilson Korns of Somerset county, and Samuel Korns of near Scottdale.

Old Resident Succumbs

Jacob L Wilson aged 81 years six months and four days died Monday at 11:40 o'clock at the home of his daughter Mrs Katherine Lohr, on Fairview avenue. Funeral services will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock from the Lohr residence.

Mr Wilson was born and reared near Champion Pa. The greater part of his life he spent in Donegal Westmoreland county. When a young man he learned the blacksmithing trade which trade he followed up until several years ago. For the past two years he has made his home in Connellsville with his daughter.

Mr Wilson was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Donegal and was well known throughout Westmoreland county. He was a son of the late Nathaniel and Katherine Wilson, who at that time were well known residents of Westmoreland county. He is survived by his widow who resides with her daughter near White's school house, one daughter Mrs Lohr, and one stepdaughter.

Miss Elizabeth Rhodes

Miss Elizabeth Rhodes one of the oldest residents of Westmoreland county died Monday of old age at the home of her nephew Jacob Hough, at Jacobs Creek. Had she lived until next August she would have celebrated her 94th birthday. Miss Rhodes was a remarkable old lady. Considering her age she enjoyed fairly good health and maintained her faculties up until the day before her death.

Miss Rhodes was the daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Joseph Rhodes of Smithton and was an aunt of Henry Rhodes of the West Side. She was born near Smithton August 15 1815. All her life she spent in the vicinity of Smithton. She never married. Miss Rhodes was highly respected and widely known in the community in which she lived. She was the last surviving member of a family of ten children.

Captain J F Luker

Captain J F Luker a widely known riverman and a lifelong resident of the North Side Pittsburg is dead at the home of his sister Mrs A T Darr, of West Newton. Captain Luker had charge of the boats clearing from Pittsburg and during the Civil war had charge of a boat in the emergency fleet assisting in the siege of Vicksburg and was highly honored for his services. He had a large circle of acquaintances from Pittsburg to the gulf. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church North Side Pittsburg and is survived by one brother D W Luker and a sister Miss A F Luker of Pittsburg also a sister, Mrs A T Darr of West Newton.

Miss Catherine Lagrosse

Miss Catherine Lagrosse, aged 17 year died Friday morning at her late home on the corner of Eleventh and Banning streets West Side after a lingering illness of tuberculosis.

Deceased was the daughter of Muziato and Mary Lagrosse well known Italian residents of the West Side. She was born in Pittsburg and for the past eight years has resided in the West Side. Her parents and the following brothers and sisters survive: Anthony, Mary, Frank, Marie, James, Joan and Elizabeth all at home.

John N Brownfield

John N Brownfield aged 71 died Saturday morning at his home near Leith as the result of a third stroke of paralysis which he suffered several days ago.

Mr Brownfield was born in South Union township near Brownfield and lived in that township all his life. He held many important offices in South Union township. He is survived by four brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mrs Daisy O'Connor

Mrs Daisy O'Connor aged 29 years, wife of J S O'Connor died at her home on Lemon street Uniontown Saturday, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mrs O'Connor is survived by her husband and two children, and two brothers Charles L Mills of Connellsville, and J Frank Mills of McKeesport.

Body Brought Here

The body of John Putushock of Republic who died Saturday at the Uniontown hospital was brought here this morning and taken to the Slavish Lutheran Church where services were held at 10 o'clock. Interment in Hill Grove cemetery. Deceased was 58 years old.

Young Wife Dead

Mrs Rose Marzagalli, aged 19 years and 11 months died Monday of pneumonia at the late home at Trotter. Funeral services will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Our Lady of Mt Carmel Italian Church. Interment in St Joseph's cemetery.

Infant Is Dead

An infant child of Mr and Mrs Abraham Miller of Normalville died Monday night at the family residence. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment at Normalville.

BIG VOTE POLLED.

And Outcome of Stauffer Election Came As a Surprise

STAUFFER March 15.—The largest vote ever known in this district was polled at Saturday's special election for two School Directors which resulted in the victory of C S Heberthall and W S Ramsay. The total number of votes cast was 182.

President W S Cochran and Secretary F T Duncan conducted the election which had the following outcome: C S Heberthall 85, W. S Ramsay 77, Dr J M Jackson, 71; E F Slonecker 69. Stauffer is an independent school district.

I J McCray was elected over George Gray the vote being 70 to 48. The outcome of the election was something of a surprise.

BOGUS CHECK MAN IS CAUGHT; IDENTIFIED AND HELD FOR COURT.

In Spite of Damaging Testimony, Arthur Glenn Retains His Nerve and Jokes With Accusers.

HIS GAME WAS VERY CRUDE

Victims Take Stand and Tell How They Were Worked by One of the Oldest of the Graft Games—Attempt Made to Implicate Girl.

Maintaining the colossal nerve which enabled him to "work" nearly a dozen local merchants, Arthur Glenn of Uniontown on Saturday faced his accusers, denied everything and was held for court to answer the charges of passing worthless checks and forgery. He merely smiled each time Justices of the Peace Frank Miller and William P. Clark held him for court on separate indictments.

Glenn's game was so dead easy that his victims are still wondering why they fell. In nearly every instance the checks were for $17, or thereabouts and each was written, in a scrawly hand, on the counter checks of the First National Bank of Connellsville. The work was very crude.

Glenn was arrested last Friday by Constables I. P. Crossland and J. W. Mitchell. He was seen driving in a buggy by Mrs. John Barnes of Snydertown, whose brother-in-law, James Barnes, was one of his victims. Mrs. Barnes went home, notified her husband and word was sent the officers. They landed their man just as he had driven to Mervis' livery stable to put away his rig for the night. He had driven from Brownsville yesterday.

Hearings on all the charges were held before the two local justices on Saturday. Justice of the Peace Frank Miller had the first opportunity at Glenn. He had two informations for false pretense, one for forgery and another for conspiracy, in which Vica Collins, a 17 year old mountain lass, was the co-defendant. The last charge was not sustained by the evidence.

The information in which Norris & Hooper charged false pretense, was the first case called and Robert Norris was the only witness. Mr. Norris said Glenn, whom he identified as the man representing himself to have been H. F. Hartman, came into his store on the evening before election day and wanted a pair of shoes for his wife. He got them, gave a check, received the change and disappeared. The shoes were later found in the possession of Vica Collins. Glenn merely denied the charge and let it go at that.

"You're guilty," declared Justice Miller as Mr. Norris left the stand.

The forgery case was then brought up and resulted in the defendant being held for court. Ed. Baer was the prosecutor. He declared Glenn, whom he knew as Smith, had forged his name to several checks. He identified one of the checks. He did not see Glenn write them but declared the signature was a forgery. On this check the writer had written E. A. Bear. Baer does not spell his name that way and has no initial.

The conspiracy charge was then tried, it being alleged that Glenn and Miss Collins conspired to defraud Norris & Hooper. The shoes were found where she had been working as a domestic. Miss Collins was questioned and answered in a direct manner. She said she gave Glenn, to whom she had been introduced when he was going under the name of Smith, $4 to buy a pair of shoes. He brought them back and $3.50 was marked on the box. She said she didn't ask for any change because she owd him 50 cents. Mr. Norris asked if it wasn't true she had given Glenn $20 with which to buy her a watch. She said that was so. This was all the evidence. Miss Collins comes from Mill Run and is the daughter of Neri Collins, who was drowned in Indian Creek four years ago. The conspiracy case before Justice Miller was dropped as there was no evidence to sustain the charge.

E. N. Stahl of the Stahl-Brant Plumbing Company, then took the stand when his case was called. He was one of Glenn's victims and idontified the defendant. Glenn bought a stove from Stahl, gave a check and received the change, but never came for the stove. The check, like the others, was worthless. Glenn was held on this count.

The case was then adjourned to the office of Justice of the Peace William P. Clark where Glenn was successfully tried on informations made by the Connellsville Machine & Car Company, J. Levy, Louis Featherman, L. Rapport and James Barnes. He was held in each case.

Constable Mitchell also endeavored to implicate the Collins girl in the case and made a conspiracy information against her which is still pending. According to Mitchell, Glenn went to Masontown and said he was to be married and expected to move there. Mitchell does not know whether he worked the check game in the Walled City.

Glenn was taken to jail and it is not likely that he can secure bail. He maintained his nerve, James Barnes attempted some levity by saying Glenn probably would have liked some apple sauce on his buns this morning but the prisoner replied that he had a square meal.

WANTS A DIVORCE.

Husband is Serving Term in Penitentiary for Poole Robbery.

Mrs. Mamie Catherine Greenawalt of Latrobe, formerly of East Scottdale, has filed an application for a divorce from her husband, Robert Greenawalt, on the ground that the latter is serving a term in the penitentiary. They were married at Indian Head on November 14, 1905, living for a short time in Bullskin township and later in East Scottdale. While living at the latter place and less than a year after their marriage her husband with several others were arrested for the robbing of the residence of William Poole of Pennsville. The men were convicted and given 8 year terms in the penitentiary. Mrs. Greenawalt now wants a divorce.

HAAS HAS A LIVE BEAR; SHE'S A PERFECT LADY

Hotel Man Acquires Pet Which He First Saw On Canadian Hunting Trip.

"Andy" Haas, the smiling proprietor of the Water street hostelry is smiling some more. "Andy" has a live bear and she is a lady. Her name is Louise.

"Andy" vouches for the conduct of Louise, because, as he says, he has had the pleasure of her personal acquaintance for over a year. He first met Miss Louise on her native heath, while he was in Canada on a hunting and pleasure trip. That was when she was a pup—beg pardon—cub and "Andy" promptly fell in love with the lady. The affection was mutual and everybody is happy. Louise was secured by another man.

A few days ago the transfer of Louise was made from her former owner, W. E. Shaw of the West Penn railway system. She is about two years old, very playful and is bound to grow some more as is the case with black bears at that age. Temporary quarters have been fixed up for Louise in the large back yard of the hotel where she has been provided with a neat Queen Anne cottage about four feet high, and decorated with whitewash, a la Africanus. Louise is attached to one end of a stout iron chain to prevent her from walking in her sleep. She is frequently visited by a large and enthusiastic group of admirers whose numbers are growing daily.

During the first day of her change of habitation Louise climbed to the top of the brick wall bounding the hotel court. On the other side were sundry persons who did not know a bear was on the premises. Included among them was a dusky gentleman who does odd jobs of whitewashing and portering. While, as he says, his conscience is perfectly good, he was surprised at what he thought was an apparition from some other world and straightway there was a Marathon race in which everybody won.

But now they are all used to "Andy's" bear, who will eat a lump of sugar out of your hand—if you have the sugar.

BELLEVERNON IS UP AGAINST HEALTH BOARD

Violation of Laws May Result in the Town Having to Pay Dearly for It.

BELLEVERNON, March 17.—Because it built extensions to its sewer system within the last three or four years without permission from the State Board of Health, Bellevernon borough has been called upon to explain its actions to that body. Similar action is likely in North Bellevernon, where much longer extensions have been made. Delay in making a report or getting the matter fixed up with the health authorities throws the municipality liable to a fine of $50 a day for each day such sewer is maintained.

It has only just come to the knowledge of the health commissioner that sewer extensions have been built here since the law of 1905, which requires that permission must be obtained before any sewer can be laid. A party of officials is now at work here making an investigation of conditions in the Monongahela river water shed, and upon learning the facts Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon immediately sent a letter of inquiry to council. Nothing has yet been done.

New Lumber Company.

The Point Marion Lumber, Mill and Boatyard Company has been formed and has acquired the interests of the McClaren Lumber Company. A new sawmill has been installed and a planing mill with all sorts of wood turning machinery will be built. Boats of all kinds will be constructed, as well as other products. The company has 1,400 acres. The company is composed of J. H. McClaren, H. S. King, J. A. Langton of Pittsburg, and A. K. Jenkins and W. E. Dilliner of Point Marion.

WOMAN DEPUTY CORONER WINS.

Secret Leaks Out When She Resigns Office.

GREENSBURG, Pa., March 12.—Miss Emma Jacobs Miller, daughter of Mrs. Nellie M. Myers of Youngstown, O., and Dr. Charles H. Poole of Ruffsdale, were married at Youngstown two weeks ago.

Mrs. Poole was a Deputy Coroner of Westmoreland county for over three years and the announcement of her marriage was not made known until she resigned her position yesterday. Dr. Poole is a son of the late Dr. W. B. Poole of Ruffsdale, where the couple will live.

THOMAS LEONARD KILLED BY TRAIN.

General Foreman of Shops at Dickerson Run Accident Victim.

NO ONE SAW THE MISHAP

And It Is Supposed That Popular Employe Attempted to Board Coke Train and Fell Beneath the Wheels. Death Was Almost Instantaneous.

Thomas D. Leonard, aged about 55 years, General Foreman of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie shops at Dickerson Run, and one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Dawson, met almost instant death Friday morning about 8:45 o'clock while at work in the yards at that place. Mr. Leonard was in the yard overseeing some work when he was run down by a train of coke which was pulling into the scales. The accident occurred about ten car lengths from the scales. It is not known whether Mr. Leonard went to board the train and fell under the cars or whether he stumbled and fell on the track. Both legs were almost severed from his body.

John Morgan a brakeman who was riding on the rear of the train was the first to discover the accident. He immediately notified the conductor William McCormick who, accompanied by Charles McGill hurried to the scene of the accident. Mr. Leonard only lived about five minutes. The body was removed to Funeral Director Parkhill's rooms at Vanderbilt and prepared for burial. The announcement of Mr. Leonard's untimely death came as a great shock to his wide circle of friends.

Mr. Leonard located at Dawson ten years ago to succeed D. J. Redding as general foreman of the Dickerson Run shops and during that time made a host of friends in Dawson and vicinity. He was widely known in railroad circles and was a member of Sacred Heart Church at Dawson. His widow and the following children survive: Edward, Vincent, Ralph, Clarence, Bessie, Mildred, Irene and Florence, all at home.

WALTERS' STOCK SOLD FOR FANCY PRICES

Horses Bring $230, Cows $52 and One Hog Brought $40 at Public Auction.

An interesting feature of the sale held at A. R. Walters' farm Thursday afternoon was the exceptionally high prices that stock and implements brought. Horses were sold at $230. Several cows brought $62 and a large hog was disposed of for $40, while smaller ones brought remarkably strong prices.

The sale was conducted by A. S. Cottom and A. R. Bossler, two of Mr. Walters' personal friends, and was one of the largest sales these gentlemen ever conducted and was a complete success.

Mr. Walters has rented his farm to Henry Dunsten and will move back to Scottdale to make his permanent home. He formerly resided in that town before occupying the farm which is located near Whites school house.

SHRUM GUILTY OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

Jury Deliberates About an Hour Last Night and Returned Sealed Verdict Thursday Morning.

UNIONTOWN, March 11.—Constable William Shrum of New Haven was convicted of aggravated assault and battery for the shooting of Steve Malumka at a Slavish dance on Labor Day. The jury deliberated for more than an hour last night and returned a sealed verdict which was read this morning. The charge of felonious shooting resulted in an acquittal.

The maximum penalty which can be placed on Shrum for the charge on which he was convicted is a fine of $1,000 or three years to the penitentiary.

The case closed last evening after a number of character witnesses had been examined. A fair charge to the jury was delivered by the court.

Trout Arrived.

A large consignment of trout for mountain streams arrived here Saturday morning.

AUDITORS CREATE STIR IN SOMERSET.

Refuse to Approve Nine Bills Paid by the Commissioners.

MAKE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS

Says That Checks Were Made Payable to Various Persons Who Endorsed Them But Who Received No Part of the Money.

SOMERSET, Pa., March 11.—In the report of the Board of Auditors for Somerset county, which was filed yesterday, startling charges of graft are made against the retiring Board of County Commissioners, Joseph Specht, Robert Augustine and Charles F. Zimmerman.

The Auditors refused to approve nine bills paid by the order of the Commissioners and allege in their report that these bills were improperly paid. The amount of these bills, $2,301.68, was surcharged to the retiring Board of Commissioners and will have to be paid by them.

Among the matters set forth in the report of the Auditors is that a hearing was had by them to determine certain matters relating to their duties and that it was ascertained at this hearing that Josiah Specht, one of the retiring Commissioners and a prominent merchant of Kantner, was the real contractor for repairing several bridges; that orders for money for the repair of two of these bridges were drawn up by the Commissioners and made payable to various persons who endorsed them, but, as is alleged in the report, these persons received no part of the money but were given credit for their share, which the report states was only a small percentage of the whole sum, on book acounts against them held by Mr. Specht. The two bridges referred to are the Pilltown bridge in Jenner township, and the Sipesville bridge in Lincoln township. The report sets forth that a competent engineer was employed by the Board of County Auditors; that he measured these bridges and made a careful calculation from his measurements, and that his calculation shows that on the Pilltown bridge in Jenner township their was a surplus charge of $1,204.60. The order made by the Commissioners showed that there were 405.8 cubic yards of masonry which was paid for at the rate of $6.34 per cubic yard. The calculation made at the instance of the Auditors shows only 215 cubic yards, which leaves a surplus of 190 cubic yards. In the Sipesville bridge in Lincoln township the order drawn by the Commissioners shows that there were 350.25 cubic yards of masonry which was paid for by the Commissioners at the rate of $7.25 per cubic yard. The calculation made by the engineer employed by the Auditors shows that there are in this bridge only 250 cubic yards which shows an excess of 110 cubic yards. The surcharge against the Commissioners in this case amounts to $797.50.

It is set forth in the Auditors' report that during th year 1908 $24,000 was expended by the county in building and repairing bridges and that an investigation of two of these bridges shows an excess charge of nearly $2,000. A thorough investigation of the matter and a special examination of each bridge is recommended by the Auditors.

The Auditors also surcharged $108.09, this amount having been expended by the Commissioners as traveling expenses while visiting several State institutions for the purpose of securing information to be used in preparing the plans for new buildings at the County Home. The Auditors' report sets forth that this expense was incurred by the Commissioners without any action having been taken on the matter by either the Court or the Grand Jury to justify this expenditure. It is also set forth that no action in regard to the new buildings at the County Home was taken by the Commissioners until the last day of their terms of office when J. C. Fulton of Uniontown, an architect of that place, was employed to draw plans for the new hospital building and authorized to superintend the construction of that building. The report states that the charges are illegal and they refuse to allow them.

At the primary election in the spring of 1908 the Commissioners paid out $184.27, this expense being incurred in holding the election. The report states that only $164.52 of this amount was refunded to the county by the State Treasurer and the balance, $19.75 is surcharged to the Commissioners.

This report is sworn to by the Auditors, W. H. Baker, Jacob S. Miller and S. A. Kretchman.

This sensational report has caused considerable excitement here. There is much comment on the matter and it is believed by many people that there must be some error or mistake as the retiring Board of Commissioners, Messrs. Specht, Zimmerman and Augustine, are well known and exemplary gentlemen.

Mine Foreman Changed.

James R. Maloy, mine foreman at Dearth for the H. C. Frick Coke Company, has been transferred to Buffington to succeed the late James McCrum, who died as the result of injuries sustained at his work.

LOVE'S DREAM SUDDENLY ENDS

After Two Months of Wedded Life Mrs. Brailler Asks Divorce.

YOUNG COUPLE HAD ELOPED

The Bride, Miss Bertha Rankin Was a Stenographer For Attorney Matthews Who Filed Papers, and Then Took Them Away With Him.

Love's sweet young dream for Mrs. Bertha (Rankin) Brailler was of brief duration for after less than two months of married life the young wife has filed a libel in divorce against her husband charging cruel treatment. The action was started Wednesday by Attorney R. S. Matthews, who immediately suppressed the papers and declined to make public any of the facts connected with the action.

It was on January 20 that Mrs. Brailler, who was then Miss Bertha Rankin, quietly left her position as stenographer for Attorney Matthews and eloped to Youngstown, O., with William Guy Brailler, a Dawson boy. At the time Henry Hetzel, step-father of the girl, exerted every effort to prevent the marriage, but to no avail. The couple seemed happy and contented, and but a week or so ago began housekeeping in Greenwood. Mr. Brailler is a telegraph operator employed on the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The divorce action came as a surprise to the friends of the couple. It seems Brailler was recently transferred from the West Side tower to Greensburg and has been making the trip each way by trolley. It is said the charge of cruelty is made because of Brailler's long hours away from home. He leaves early in the morning and does not return until late at night.

Those familiar with the circumstances have expressed their opinion that the divorce action is the result of outside interference with the couple. The efforts made at the time to prevent the marriage are regarded as significant in the light of recent developments.

LAST TRIAL OF WEEK COMPLETED AT NOON

Dunbar Defendants Acquitted of Stealing Chickens in Court Today.

UNIONTOWN, March 13.—The last case of the week placed on trial this morning and concluded at noon was that of Samuel Hardy, Albert, Harry and John Gray and Charles Lowry, all of Dunbar, charged with stealing $4 worth of chickens from Mr. and Mrs. William Mankins. The prosecutors say they saw the boys soon after the chickens were stolen. They were gathered around a fire at the "Den" eating roasted fowl.

After deliberating for a short time the jury returned a verdict acquitting the defendants but placing the costs on Sam Hardy and Charles Lowry.

James McGregor and Mabel Christner were convicted of simple assault and battery for driving over Grace Speelman, aged 12, at Hammondville. The case was tried yesterday.

A number of surety of the peace cases were heard this morning.

DEATHS AHEAD.

Grim Reaper Outruns Stork During Month of February.

According to Registrar of Vital Statistics George B. Brown there were 25 deaths and 24 births in his district during February. The record is as follows:

	Births	Deaths
Connellsville	14	14
Connellsville township	8	6
Bullskin township	2	5
Total	24	25

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FREE DELIVERY FOR NEW HAVEN.

Inspector Williams Here With View to Consolidating Offices.

NEW HAVEN FAVORS IT

Canvass of Business Men Made and All Are Anxious to Have Free Delivery on the West Side—The Hill Situation.

Postoffice Inspector H. H. Williams of Greensburg was here Thursday and today conferring with the local postal officials relative to the changes that are to be made as a result of the consolidation of Connellsville and New Haven.

Mr. Williams and Postmaster Clark Collins went over the ground thoroughly, holding conferences with Assistant Postmaster A. E. Kurtz and Postmaster S. B. Sicklesmith of the New Haven office. It is expected that a consolidation of the offices will be made within a few weeks.

According to the present plans, free delivery is to be extended to New Haven, as far east as Ninth street, and also to Greenwood, whether that territory comes into the borough or is left out of it. There will be no free delivery on New Haven Hill until that section can boast of passable sidewalks. These need not be paved, but they must be in good condition at all times. It is said that the Hill district has practically no pavements which can be traversed in rough weather without sinking into mud. They are principally paths, and not any too good at that.

Friday morning Assistant Postmaster Kurtz and Mr. Williams visited the West Side to locate a suitable location for a station. It has not yet been fully determined whether a regular station will be located on the West Side or merely a sub-station. If the former plan is adopted, an assistant postmaster will be stationed there and the carriers to West Side points will make it their headquarters. Stamps will be sold, letters registered and money orders issued, just as is now done at the New Haven postoffice.

If it is decided to establish only a sub-station, this will be located in one of the stores. Stamps will be sold, letters registered, and money orders issued, but the carriers will begin their routes at the main office.

Those familiar with the situation say the probabilities are that a regular station will be located on the West Side, at least until the new Federal building is ready for occupancy. Then the West Side business men who desire lock boxes will have the privilege of having their mail sent to the main office in Connellsville, or Station A, on the West Side.

The postal officials looked over several sites and the one which met with most favor was that in Main street formerly occupied by Justice of the Peace Morgan. This building is rented by Justice P. M. Buttermore who, it is said, is willing to rent it at a nominal price. It will probably be several days before these matters are fully determined.

A canvas of the business men on the West Side showed that 90 per cent. of them were in favor of free delivery service. This, it is believed, will have much influence when the question of establishing a station on the West Side is considered.

SOUTH CONNELLSVILLE CASE BEFORE COURT

John Whipkey Denies That He Ran a Bad House in That Section But Is Convicted.

UNIONTOWN, March 12.—The principal case before Judge Umbel this morning was that against John Whipkey of South Connellsville, charged with conducting a bawdy house. At the same time Pearl Miller and Catherine Nicklow were placed on trial for incorrigibility.

Whipkey denied that he ran a disorderly house and said the Nicklow girl came to him and rented a room after having been driven from home by her mother. After being there a short time she sent for Pearl Miller, who arrived from Frostburg just the night before the house was "pulled."

The star witness against Whipkey was that he kissed Pearl Miller and insulted her. Whipkey denied insulting the girl but admitted he might have kissed her.

The star witness against Whipkey was Frank Mantello, owner of the double house in which Whipkey lived. The Mantellos lived on the other side. It developed that both Mantello and Whipkey are in the same business and there is bad feeling between them. Whipkey was convicted.

Mike Napoili was acquitted on the charge of feloniously cutting Joe Elise in Connellsville last January. Mike was convicted for carrying concealed weapons.

Alex Shaw and Mary Shaw, alias Mary Bennett, were convicted of highway robbery. Mike Dudash, the prosecutor, did not show up but there were enough witnesses to convict the defendants.

MORTON WILL CASE GOES TO SUPREME COURT

Attorneys In Contested Will Case Will Argue The Case Next May. Status of Case.

It is understood from counsel for A. B. Morton, in his contest with Mrs. J. L. Thompson over his wife's will, that the case has been appealed to the Supreme Court and will be argued in Philadelphia in May next.

The attorney says that if the Supreme Court should sustain the present finding of the Fayette County Court, that would not conclude or settle the matter, as there are other and independent grounds upon which the will naming Mrs. Thompson as a legatee can be set aside.

Also, that if the Supreme Court could make a decision in favor of Mrs. Thompson that would be final, she need not expect nothing under the will in which she is named so long as Mr. Morton lives, as by the laws of the state the rents of the two properties willed her would belong to him during his lifetime.

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BUNGARD GUILTY ON TWO COUNTS.

Jury, After Debating More Than 12 Hours, Acquits Him on the Other Seven.

FURNISHING LIQUOR CHARGED

Counts on Which Conviction Resulted Were for Letting John Stanley Get a Drink at Bar and For Giving Lizzie Earhardt Whiskey in Jail.

UNIONTOWN March 16—It took the jury 12½ hours to convict ex Warden John Bungard of the county jail on two counts of furnishing liquor to prisoners and furnishing liquor on Sunday The verdict was reached at 6 40 this morning, the jury having wrestled with the matter in their room all night, having retired at 5 50 last evening. In all there were nine counts in the indictments against Bungard He was acquitted of seven counts but on the sixth and seventh counts the jury believed the testimony of the witnesses who said Bungard had taken John H Stanley to the Gallatin bar, on the way to the pen and furnished Lizzie Earhart of Morgan Station with the whiskey the night Bungard entertained his friend in the jail kitchen That night was Sunday October 4 1908 and it developed in the investigation that there had been a rollicking time there While information as to what held up the jury this unusual length of time for such a case was hard to get it is understood that the trouble occurred on the seventh count, or Earhart incident At one time it is said the jury stood 10 to 2 for acquittal, but that the other ten were converted must have followed if this be true

Testimony was taken all day Monday, and the court's charge was not delivered until almost time for adjournment. An early verdict was confidently expected and many stayed around the court house in the hope of hearing Bungard's fate He has many friends in the northeastern section of the county and these had testified in great numbers to his uprightness The court stated that if the jury agreed that evening the bell would be rung and the verdict announced in open court. It was known on the streets that the agreement had been reached and quite a crowd heard its reading when court opened

John Doyle was next called for trial He was turnkey at day turn when the alleged irregularities were practiced His counsel are the same as Bungard's, McKean and Dumbauld Quite a number of former inmates testified to his connection with the booze supply of the inmates He is indicted on five counts and the Commonwealth endeavored to show about the same class of misconduct in furnishing liquor that Bungard's case had brought out Among inmates former present or future who testified were Lee Jackson, Charles Illinois Ed Gartland and others John Hebo also testified. The prosecution rested at noon adjournment and the jury will likely have the case by evening

Half the costs were assessed F T Adams, the Connellsville produce dealer in his case against M Pariolla charging him with embezzlement by consignee He alleged that defendant had ordered produce sent to his local store and that he had then sold them to other dealers and failed to remit He also complained that he was threatened and ejected from the store when he went to see the defendant about the bill. However the defendant's g[illegible] in the matter was not sufficiently clear to the jury This was in Judge Umbel's court the jail cases being in the small room

WEST PENN OFFICIALS QUIET ON FREIGHT BILL

Will First Let Legislature Act on Compulsory Law—Most Lines Will Oppose It

Officials of the West Penn were interviewed yesterday in regard to the bill which is pending in the State Legislature compelling trolley companies to haul freight but none of them would express any decided interest in the matter They were inclined to wait until the solons at Harrisburg complete their deliberations and take final action on the bill

At the last session of the Legislature a bill was passed permitting the trolley lines to handle freight but few of them took advantage of this opportunity Now, as a step to the grangers who have received but little consideration from the hands of the city legislators the compulsory freight carrying bill is said to be slated for passage

Trolley interests it is said are not any too friendly towards the proposed bill owing to the added expense which will result The tendency has been on freight carrying electric lines to turn the business over to the old line express companies furnishing only the cars and crews

Officers Named

Upon the petition of residents of Masontown presented by Attorney C A. Rhodes Paul D Howard was appointed auditor to fill the unexpired term of Fred R. Lardin who removed.

HAS LIVED 96 YEARS.

Alex Cousins Quietly Celebrates Anniversary at Fairchance Home

FAIRCHANCE, March 16—Alex Cousins a well known colored character of Fairchance is today celebrating his ninety-sixth birthday He was born near Roanoke and was a free man He spent many years in the south being there during and after the war, but took no part in it His paternal grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary army and served under Washington during most of that struggle

Mr Cousins cannot read but he has a pleasing and intellectually turned mind and his recollection of dates is remarkable He has lived here 38 years was never in a lawsuit or a dispute in his life enjoys all his faculties and was never 'tight but once t[illegible] my life 53 years ago come next Christmas His favorite delusion is that he is the President in administration and that he was the other Presidents in their respective turns He is a consistent enough in this matter to say that he appointed himself to succeed himself as President of the United States an that will be the case four years hence

WAKEFIELD ESTATE GOES TO HIS WIDOW

Personal Property and Real Estate Will Probably Total $60 000 Suits Filed

UNIONTOWN March 13—The entire estate of the late Attorney Thomas R Wakefield who died recently at his Uniontown home is bequeathed to the widow Elizabeth McC Wakefield under the will probated yesterday The document is very brief giving everything unconditionally to the widow No executor is named in the document and the widow yesterday took out letters of administration with will annexed The document is dated September 1? 1903 and is witnessed by L H Frasher and Richard W Dawson

In the application for probate the value of the estate is given at $7 000 in personal property and $50 000 in real estate This latter consists of local residence property some farm land and considerable coal in Greene county

In the action of Alonzo Nabors against George W Lenox in which Nabors seeks to recover damages for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections Nabors yesterday, by his attorney D M. Hertzog filed an answer to the rule granted on him to file a more specific statement of offenses He declares that on February 1 1908 he found Mrs Nabors and Lenox in a room on April 24 he looked through a window at his home and saw his wife and Lenox in a loving attitude on April 21 he found Lenox concealed in a closet at his home He also says he expects to show by witnesses that Lenox and his wife were frequently seen together about Uniontown and that his wife now refuses to speak to him, and refuses to permit him to go home making threats against him but that on the contrary Lenox may visit there as often as he desires and is freely admitted

On the application of a number of Masontown citizens presented by Attorney C A Rhoads Charles H Cox was yesterday appointed by the court as one of the borough auditors to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of P D Howard

The court yesterday appointed Jasper N Clemmer as register assessor for Springhill No 2 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Nicholas Ganoe who was elected in February

Attorney S R Goldsmith yesterday filed suit in behalf of the Yough Iron & Metal company against A Overholt & Company to recover $175 for an engine alleged to be retained by the defendant company It is claimed that the defendant company purchased the old distillery building at Broad Ford from the plaintiff and then made an agreement that it was to use a certain engine until its new grain elevator was erected The engine is still retained by the company and the plaintiff demands the sum mentioned with interest from August 10, 1908

AGED WOMAN DEAD

Mrs Catherine Harvin of Everson Succumbs in Her 85th Year

EVERSON March 13—Mrs Catherine Harvin died at the home of her grandson Homer Davin Main street Everson Friday morning at 10 o clock Death was due to the infirmities of age She was in her eighty fifth year Funeral services were conducted at 2 P M Sunday Interment in Scottdale Cemetery

Appeals From Viewers

The Indian Creek Valley Railway Company filed appeals Saturday from two awards of viewers made several days ago The cases were those of John McClelland Collins wherein they found in the sum of $750 for the plaintiff and in the case of John B Wills in which a finding of $400 was returned The appeals bring the cases into court.

Abandon Original Route

The directors of the Morgantown & Dunkard Valley Railroad Company have decided to abandon the proposed Vades Run route to Mount Morris and will build their line along Scott's Run across the Lemley hill to Doll's Run and along its banks to Dunkard creek and then to Mount Morris and Blacksville

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BOROUGH ENGINEER J. B. HOGG GETS BIG CONTRACT FOR FEDERAL SURVEY.

The Order Came on Tuesday and Force Immediately Went to Work—Active Operations on Public Ground Will Be Taken Up Tomorrow.

The new Federal building is almost a reality

Work on the survey of the property which in itself will be most extensive and exacting in its details has been ordered The notice of award of the contract for this very important work came to Borough Engineer J B Hogg on Tuesday and he immediately got things ready to execute this part of the specifications There are many details that do not figure in the erection of average buildings of this magnitude but which must be brought into conformity with the Federal requirements This is quite a compliment to the ability of Mr Hogg to whom the contract is awarded Grading and lines are only a small part of the work necessary in a preliminary way to the erection of this monument to the rapid and recognized growth of the city's public and corporate life

Connellsville has been fortunate and has received consideration at the hands of the Federal authorities quite in keeping with her other advances the last Congress having made an appropriation of $90 000 to the project Of this sum $60 000 will be expended in the building itself while the other $30 000 was expended in the purchase of the site the deal being recently consummated when the large corner tract at Arch and Apple streets was bought from Attorney P S Newmyer and B P Wallace

Mr Hogg has his office forces at work on the preliminary details and actual operations will be commenced tomorrow morning This comes as welcome news and as a recognition of the unselfish interests Mr Hogg has always taken in the development and advancement of the town's better enterprises

He is also busy on the compilation of a comprehensive plan of the street and sewer scheme and possibilities of the town to be submitted to the State department which recently ordered certain improvements and alterations in the sewer systems of nearly all the important towns not recently improved to meet the latest and most sanitary standard This is in itself quite an undertaking of its kind as there are many features of the utmost importance left to the experience and judgment of the engineer in charge while the subsequent report has to be compiled in style commensurate with the planning and to meet the precision and exactness characteristic of the State's requirements in this important matter

FARMERS TO MEET

Is More Fraud Practised on Them Than on Others?

The regular meeting of the Union Farmers Club of Fayette County will be held Saturday at the home of Mr and Mrs E E Arnold near Vanderbilt The subject for discussion is Swindling The following is the program

Is there more fraud practised upon farmers than other classes of people? D D Bryson How can this evil be evaded? C S Freed Are there as many swindlers among farmers as among other people? A C Oglevee The morning session will convene at 11 o clock

QUARREL WAS FATAL TO WOMAN VICTIM

Mrs Julia Tolnay Dies From Injuries Received in Row at Mt Braddock in January.

As the result of a quarrel which took place at Mt. Braddock on February 26 Mrs Julia Tolnay wife of Alexander Tolnay died Monday afternoon shortly after 4 o clock at the Cottage State hospital where she was removed soon after the accident occurred Mrs Tolnay conducted a boarding house at Mt Braddock and it was during a quarrel among several of her boarders that she was shot in the abdomen At the time the shooting occurred John Swinci Mike Cowich and Barban Monicz were in the house They were placed under arrest and committed to jail pending an investigation by the county officers

During the quarrel Monicz was alleged to have fired the shot but the men declared the shooting to be purely accidental stating that the revolver was accidentally discharged while being cleaned by Monicz The revolver was owned by Swincz and was found in the possession of Cowich against whom was made a charge of carrying concealed weapons

Mrs Tolnay was conscious almost up until the time of her death She was aged 26 The body was removed to Funeral Director J E Sims rooms where a post mortem examination was conducted by Coroner H J Bell of Dawson Dr T H. White and Dr L P McCormick Death was found due to internal hemorrhages as the result of the gun shot wound The body was shipped to Dunbar last evening

TO SELL BONDS.

Westmoreland Commissioners Plan to Fund Floating Debt of County

GREENSBURG Pa March 15—To fund a floating debt of $552 123 10 the new board of County Commissioners will sell bonds to the amount of $500 000 to bear 4½ per cent interest and be free of State tax The Commissioners have issued a statement showing the county's total debt is $1 638 189 09 This includes the following items Bonded debt $1 000 000 temporary loans $603 000 due contractors $22 8[illegible] 68 miscellaneous $11 313 41

The resources are as follows Outstanding taxes $45 000 due from Commonwealth $7 574 cash on hand $33 574 60 due from miscellaneous sources $117 20 The assessed valuation of the county is $13 337 446 The new Commissioners have increased the tax rate from 3 to 4 mills

BEESON LEASES THEATRE

West End Will Be Home of Moving Pictures and Vaudeville

UNIONTOWN March 11—The West End theatre has been leased by Harry Beeson to John P Harris for a term of two years Vaudeville and moving pictures will be shown This leaves the Grand of which Fred Robbins is manager, the only house for legitimate plays During the past season Beeson has seldom had an attraction at his house the Grand getting practically all the business

Williams May Leave

Mine Inspector T D Williams may leave the coke region Yesterday he left for Fremont Texas with a view of buying property there A number Connellsville people have invested in Texas lands of late

Rope Rider Killed

Thrown from a pit car on which he was riding Joe Blanchetta aged 20 years a rope rider in the Banning No 2 mines of the Pittsburg Coal Company was crushed so badly Saturday that he died in a few minutes

IS DECAPITATED BY TROLLEY CAR.

James Beatty Met Death on Rails Near Dunbar Late Saturday Night.

WAS ROBBERY AND ASSAULT?

Belief Is Held in Some Quarters That Victim Was Attacked By Thugs Was 35 Years Old and Single—Lived Near Leisenring

With his head almost severed from his body and his face crushed almost beyond recognition James Beatty was picked up by the street car men of a northbound car at the Greenhouse near Dunbar at 10 15 Saturday night. He had been sleeping on the track at a point where the track curves and the headlight did not shine on the spot till the car was within 15 feet of the unfortunate man Motorman Oscar Mann stopped his car but too late and the victim was placed aboard the car and brought to J L Sims undertaking establishment and prepared for burial

Beatty was about 35 years of age and single He is survived by his widowed mother, Mrs Susan Beatty of near Leisenring His father was the late Andrew Beatty The following brothers survive Robert Adelaide Andrew, of Mt. Pleasant and a twin brother employed in the Klondike coke field Many people came to see the remains after they had been prepared for burial

There was a rumor current for a while that Beatty had been robbed and placed on the track having been rendered insensible by his assailants

ANOTHER PIONEER BOATMAN DISCOVERED

Daniel Gould of McKeesport Recalls Interestingg Days on the Youghiogheny

The publicity attending the McKeesport jubilee over the favorable report of government engineers for dams and locks for the Youghiogheny river has brought to notice another old riverman in Daniel Gould of 500 Patterson avenue McKeesport Mr Gould is 89 years old

For many years he floated coal from this district to New Orleans and during the Civil war $[illegible] 000 worth of coal owned by him was confiscated by the rebels at New Orleans It was paid for later in Confederate notes to a man named Jenkins who worked for Mr Gould but the McKeesporter never received the value of his coal

He had the lamented James G Blaine present his claim to Congress for the coal taken at New Orleans but it was impossible to get a settlement. He tells of selling coal at the outbreak of the war for $5 000 that a month later he could have gotten $60 000 for. He was born opposite Buena Vista and began his river career in 18[illegible]6 For 5[illegible] years he lived in the brick house at Fourth avenue and Walnut street, on the ground now occupied by the pattern shop of the National Tube Company

Mr Gould says the fastest trip ever made from Pittsburg to New Orleans by boat was during the days when coal was floated He says a man named McIntyre floated a load from Pittsburg to New Orleans in 15 days when the river was high of course This is much faster time that steamboats make now Mr Gould says McIntyre joined the rebels and was never again heard of

Board Pays Bills

The Dunbar township School Board met yesterday at the High School building at Leisenring No 1 and transacted the regular routine business for the month All members were present with the exception of Thomas Logan A number of bills including the teachers salaries for the sixth month of school were paid

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MARKLE HANDLEN

Young West Side Folks Married at Uniontown Thursday

Howard O Schott Markle a prominent young man of the West Side and Miss Sara Handlen a well known young lady of Dunbar were quietly married Thursday at 12 30 o clock at the First Baptist parsonage in Uniontown Rev J S Bromley the pastor officiated

The bridegroom is the son of Mr and Mrs G A Markle of the West Side and is well known in business and social circles Mr and Mrs Markle will reside on the West Side

HELMICK HELD

Charged With Criminally Assaulting Clara Clark

UNIONTOWN March 11—Amel Helmick was held for court by Justice Daniel Dierer after he had heard the story of Clara Clark aged 14 who was criminally assaulted by the defendant so she avers

The girl was outraged while buggy riding with Helmick she said and at Martin works made her escape by running away from him

NORMALVILLE

NORMALVILLE March 16—Mrs Nancy King an aged lady of this township is seriously ill

The Indian Creek Valley Railroad has [illegible] passenger train service Saturday on account of the engine breaking loose

Fr[illegible] Conlon of Scottdale tarried in the village Saturday night returning home Sunday

Am[illegible] [illegible] moved to this place and occupies a house with George K Murray

James Wilson of Bruckbeck came up Saturday and is visiting friends

Grant [illegible] has moved to the old Ro[illegible] homestead and will act as foreman of the coal mines

A small child of Hiram Grim is seriously ill

Prof J M McKnight of Uniontown who will conduct the Normal here the coming spring was here Friday and Saturday in the interests of his school

Mrs George Gallentine of North Pittsburg street Connellsville came up Friday and remained over Sunday with her parents Mr and Mrs J H Miller

Isaac Prinkey offers his personal property for sale on March 2[illegible]th

George Eicher and sister of Bottsville are visiting friends in this vicinity

John W Miner and C H Brooks were Uniontown visitors Monday on business

The auditors met Saturday and settled with the supervisors

Hiram L. Grim has moved to the property recently purchased from Aaron Ritenour

The farm of the late James M Gallentine will be sold April 3rd at public sale

A majority of our farmers have their spring plowing done and are waiting for better weather to prepare the ground for seeding

NORMALVILLE March 9—Misses Kathryne Campbell Bertha Poe and Nettie Miller of Connellsville came up for the institute and stayed a few days with their mother cousins

Thomas [illegible] Calle [illegible] wife and little son Orion of Scottdale spent from Saturday till Monday with friends here

F C Ramsey and H K Brooks were Connellsville callers Monday

Earl Morrow of Scottdale came up Saturday to see his many friends

Miss Edna H[illegible] is a sweet singer and delighted the audience with her fine solo

The Normal school will open on the 19th of April Students are enrolling every day

Dr Donald D Brooks a student at the University of Pittsburg spent Sunday at his home returning Monday

Mrs Josiah T Miller died at her home Monday at 3 o clock aged 58 years Funeral Thursday at 10 o clock at the Lutheran cemetery Mrs Miller had been a long time patient sufferer from dropsy She is survived by her husband and one son Clark S Miller

Aaron Ritenour has purchased the Jonas Stepler property containing 3 acres situated on Indian Creek.

One of A St[illegible] [illegible] horses dropped dead at the saw mill of the Indian Creek Coal Company Saturday The horses were in care of Ross Bigam of Mill Run

The institute Saturday afternoon and evening proved a good drawing card and a grand success Promptly at 1 30 o clock Clinton Sheba[illegible] called the house to order and proceeded to carry out the program Excellent addresses were made by L G Chipponing J M McKnight [illegible] G Jewell [illegible] K Brooks and others interspersed by splendid music by the choir The evening session opened at 7 o clock and the house was filled to overflowing and a good time was had Miss Edna Hays of Everson rendered several fine solos This completes the number of institutes for the school term

Misses Goldie McLaughlin Nellie Berlin and Edna Hays of Everson came up for the institute and helped the good cause along

Several [illegible] showing [illegible] much enthusiasm attend each session of the institute and were greatly interested

Isaac Prinkey will have a sale and move to one of Dr Newcomer's farms near Connellsville

Harold K Brooks principal of the Dawson schools attended the institute

FAYETTE COURT RECORDS.

Deeds Recorded Marriage Licenses and County Expenditures.

Redstone Central Railroad Company to Brier Hill Coke Company for right of way in Redstone township $ [illegible] February 24 1909

Fuller Hogsett and wife to Greenberry Bosley for lot in North Union township $ [illegible] December 11 190[illegible]

Joseph Oglevee and other to Emma Haas for lot in Lower Tyrone township $100 July 8 1908

David C Foltz and wife to Arthur K Knotts or $[illegible] $ acres in Dunbar township $ 800 February 1 1909

T J Overholt to Pennock Hitt for 181 acres in Springfield township $1 December 1 1908

[illegible] Neville for lot in Connellsville [illegible]

Ada McClaughlin to Greenberry Bosley for lot in North Union township $[illegible] December 18 1908

Robert Hogsett and wife to Greenberry Bosley for lot in North Union [illegible]

Mary E Litman to Patrick Reagan, [illegible] for [illegible] Main street Uniontown $1 March 5 1908

William Tippins and wife to John Kopas for lot in Washington township $1 September 1 1908

Henry G Iley estate and others to Nathan B Devilbiss for two lots in Franklin township $1 January [illegible] 1904

Jesse T Birch and wife to A. O Coldstrom for lot in German township $1 March 21 1908

Harry Hayden and wife to J W Hague for lot in Union Street extension Third Ward Uniontown $700 February 21 1901

William Cornish to Redstone Garbage Company for three acres in North Union township $1 000 November 1 00

Marriage Licenses

Samuel E Wesson Donora Anna M J Joblander Elizabeth Robert C McC[illegible] Broadford Irene P Newell Dixon Marshall Broadus and Hazel Lox both of Connellsville

County Expenditures.

William C Johnson & Co supplies for winter primary $[illegible] 48

Connellsville News advertising $ 6[illegible]

Charles H Nutt Treasurer Jefferson township refunded road tax for 1906 and 1907 $62 [illegible]

William P Jackson Stewart township [illegible] claim $[illegible]

J N Hibbs County Auditor on account $[illegible]

F P Tissue Secretary Stewart township refunded road tax 1901 to 1907 $[illegible]04 [illegible]

Courier Company advertising $[illegible]

W W Green Postmaster stamped envelopes $64 96

Lynn Corder examination of horse by veterinary $10

Frank R Bell Bullskin township refunded road tax $18

J W Sanderson decorating Prothonotary's office $ 0

Lima B Mahaney clerk $1 0

Smith Dawson burial of Jeremiah Right our old soldier $ 0

M W Byers Clerk, two months $1 0

Harry Strickler same $1 0

W S Bitner salary $1[illegible]

F P Fisher County Auditor on account $40

Hezekiah Bales mining coal for courthouse $13 [illegible]8

Alex Daniels hauling coal $ 9[illegible]

A B Hutchinson Treasurer [illegible] stakes $ 6

Same contables cost etc $ 1 [illegible]

Same employes of court on and boiler house $7[illegible]

Same commissioners traveling expenses $17 2[illegible]

Same election expenses $143

Same small bills $10 1

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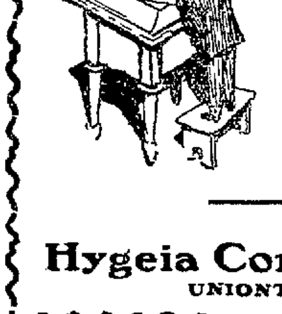

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BOOHER ACQUITTED; CLARK IS HELD.

Not Enough Evidence Against Former Says Judge Umbel.

HE ESTABLISHES AN ALIBI

Robbery Cases Against Well Known Bullskin Township Men Fall Rather Flat With Testimony Given in Their Behalf.

UNIONTOWN, March 12.—The space in front of the jury box in the large court room resembled a junk shop when the second case against George and Arthur Booher opened Thursday afternoon. Spread out on the floor was a consignment of booty that filled several suit cases, besides a broken baby buggy which could not be carried in a satchel. The assortment included saws, chisels, hammers, shoes, coffee, a coffee mill, pottery, dishes, horse medicine and numerous other articles. It was also alleged that a clothes wringer, weighing about 50 pounds, had been recovered at the Michel residence, but as Michels had pleaded guilty it was not considered necessary to bring this utensil to court. There were four cases tried in one at the second trial, the prosecutors being D. W. Bittner, James L. Freed, A. A. Wingrove and J. S. Spraggy.

Ed Michels again took the stand and told the story of operations in which he had taken part, implicating the two defendants, George Booher, and testifying that Alex Wilson was present when the Spraggy store was robbed.

At the Freed store Michels said the door was not locked and they entered without breaking. Among other things he testified that Arthur Booher took an organ stool, witness took some clothing and George Clark and George Booher took a magic lantern and tin cups among other things.

A few nights later they entered the Wingrove store. The party this night, the witness said, was composed of himself, George Booher and George Clark. They remained concealed in a shed until Mr. Wingrove left the store and went to bed, after which they took an auger and bored through the floor. Flour, ham, cheese, meat potatoes and 11 plugs of tobacco formed a part of the booty. Witness said the same members composed the party which raided the store of D. W. Bittner. At this place, witness said, he took 30 pounds of lard, George Boohcr took 30 pounds and George Clark got 75 pounds. He gave no explanation of the large share said to have been carried away by Clark.

On the night of the Spraggy raid witness testified that Alex Wilson was a member of the party and that Wilson climbed in through the window and handed out the booty. This consisted of shoes, coffee, flour, some horse medicine and some sugar. When this raid was completed witness said it was so near morning that they did not have time to take the booty home so they concealed it in the woods, agreeing to return and divide the spoils the following evening. Upon their return next night, however, they discovered that some one had taken the greater part of the sugar and some of the flour.

Constable Albert Burkett of Bullskin township told of arresting the defendants and of searching the houses after procuring proper warrants. He said informations against all the defendants were made at the same time but that Michels was the first one arrested. Witness in company with Constable Crossland found Michel at his home near Revere, he having moved from Bullskin. They found carpenter tools, a clothes wringer and other articles named in the search warrant. They took Michels to Connellsville where he was held over Sunday. Michels confessed on Monday.

At the Booher home the only article found which could be identified was a hammer. This was identified by Mr. Freed because of peculiar marks upon it. At the Clark home they found a large number of articles.

When the officers first entered the Clark home they asked for the articles which belonged to Mr. Feed. Clark, the witness said, led them to an upstairs room where he took the property in question out of a chest.

Constable Crossland of Connellsville township was with Constable Burkett when the warrants were served and the houses searched. Crossland described the searches and relative to the visit to the Clark home said that when Clark produced the articles there was a baby buggy in the room which was recognized as being one which was missed. Crossland said they discussed this and Clark admitted the allegation concerning it. As they had no means of carrying the baby buggy they left it for the time being, returning a few days later. The buggy was gone. However, it was found under a pile of rocks about 500 yards from the house. Close beside it a sack containing a large number of stolen articles was found secreted in a hole Crossland did not find the sack but was present when it was discovered.

Just before court adjourned a verdict was made directing the acquittal of Arthur Booher, who successfully furnished an alibi. The court said there was not sufficient evidence against Booher to warrant the case going to the jury.

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COURT ROUTINE AND MATTERS DISPOSED OF

Interesting Description of a Poker Game Indulged in in New Haven. Other Matters.

UNIONTOWN, March 12.—Thomas Shrum and Charles Renninger of New Haven, told interesting stories before Judge R. E. Umbel and a jury yesterday afternoon in No. 2 court room concerning a difficulty over a poker game in which they and several others indulged in not so long ago. Shrum was on the defensive, answering to a charge of robbery brought by Renninger.

Renninger declared that following a loss of some money by Shrum, the latter leaped to his feet, demanded his money back and finally took forcibly from him the sum of $4.45. Shrum tells the story that a crowd was playing poker in Renninger's room. Renninger lost what little money he had, declared Shrum, and sat back, but continued to "check out" from all the pots until he had "raked" several dollars, when he again "sat in" the game, this time winning. When he was to the good he concluded to stop. Shrum stated that he remonstrated with Renninger, arguing that he had been broke once and only got a foothold by "checking out" from the pots made by the other players, and that he should not show such a palpable attack of "cold feet" as to quit with other men's money. Shrum said that Renninger got to his feet, slammed the money down and told him to "get out with your d—d money and never come back." Shrum said he got out. The case went to the jury yesterday.

Pietro Macri, who was charged with stealing a lot of bracelets, pins and the like from the store of the Wright-Metzler Company in Uniontown, pleaded guilty yesterday and was sentenced by Judge Umbel to serve three years in the Western penitentiary. The court stated that if the defendant would pay for the stuff he had stolen the sentence would be modified.

Sadie Smitley and Watt Smitley must keep their cow and pocket their loss of a $25 note or take some other proceedings to defend themselves. They preferred a charge of false pretense against Robert Botkin, but yesterday when the case was called for trial the information was quashed, as it charged no criminal offense. The complaint reads that Botkin promised to sell them a healthy cow, but instead turned over to them a diseased cow and "they want back their $25 note."

Oden H. Shoemaker and H. C. Davis entered pleas of guilty yesterday to two charges of selling oleomargarine illegally. At the same time an injunction restraining them from further sales was made permanent.

S. B. Orndorff charged with malicious mischief by Railroad Officer T. C. Phalin, pleaded guilty. He broke down the door of the railroad office and made an attack on Yardmaster M. I. Fethers.

Joseph C. Cope, charged with paternity by Maggie E. Maust, of Dunbar, was acquitted of the more serious responsibility but convicted of a misdemeanor.

The court ordered the report made on the charge of larceny against Bert Savage by the Grand Jury stricken from the record and the bill to be submitted to the June Grand Jury.

Viewers' reports in two cases against the Indian Creek Valley Railway Company were filed yesterday, each awarding damages for land taken in Springfield township. The cases were brought by John McClelland Collins and John B. Wills.

In the Collins case the viewers awarded $750 damages for 3.602 acres of ground to be used for a right of way 33 feet wide and for a station, the property at this place widening to 63.3 feet.

In the Wills case the viewers awarded $400 damages for 2.679 acres used in a right of way 33 feet wide.

In both cases the same viewers acted. They are Michael Rafter, Frank C. Rush, John Harbaugh, Henry H. Rodabaver, Thomas L. Butler, Tilden Kern and Adam A. Wiltrout.

A number of citizens of Lower Tyrone township filed a petition in court yesterday asking for the appointment of John W. Newell as tax collector for the township, because of the failure of William Huhey to qualify. Huhey was the regularly elected collector. Judge Van Swearingen ordered the petition filed.

A bill for services and expenses of the Perkins Detective Agency's representatives, S. H. McKee and Jennie Owens, in the recent jail investigation, was presented to the court yesterday and ordered paid. The amount of the bill is $159.93.

The itemized statement fills three typewritten pages. The largest item of expense was that for service, the total being $256. The difference is made up in an expense account, the largest items being hotel expenses which run up to $110.20.

The county commissioners were ordered to issue an order on the treasurer for the sum specified in the bill. The county pays this bill.

The will of the late Cornelia Ammon, of South Brownsville, was left for probate yesterday. The estate is valued at $5,000 and Ethel Ammon Milligan is made the executrix and comes in for the entire estate. Robert Buffington and Mrs. M. A. Buffington were witnesses to the will.

Killed Himself in Jail.

Harry Beatty, formerly a millworker of Washington, Pa., who was on trial for murder at Muscatine, Iowa, killed himself in the county jail there. He had been wanted in Washington county for several years for an assault on his wife.

CHARGED WITH BARN BURNING.

William Stewart, However, Denies That He Set Fire to Structure.

HE ADMITS SLEEPING IN IT

And Says That He Was Wakened by Smoke and Flames—Other Matters Before the Court at Yesterday Afternoon's Session.

UNIONTOWN, March 11.—William Stewart, a life-long resident of Springhill township, was placed on trial before Judge R. E. Umbel and a jury in No. 2 court room yesterday to answer to the charge of setting fire to Perry Tobin's barn. Stewart, who does not deny that he indulges a wee bit too much occasionally, admits that he selpt in the barn the night it caught fire, but declares he did not set fire to it.

Following the fire, it was testified yesterday, Tobin sent for bloodhounds and they traced a man from the scene to Outcrop, where it is charged he took a train southward. Stewart was arrested in West Virginia and came back without opposition. Some calendars he had been carrying the day proceding the fire were found in the barn. Testimony was also produced to show that on his way southwards Stewart gave his name as "Jim Taylor."

After going to sleep in the barn, Stewart said, he was awakened by smoke and fire and hurried out. He started for the house to notify Tobin, he declared, but a "big man" kept between him and the house and restrained him from carrying intelligence to the owner. He became frightened then, he said, and went away.

Stewart is a little, bent, gray-haired man. He was extremely nervous in court, his eyes shifting continuously and being fixed generally on the table in front of him. His fingers were busy all the time. A number of well-known residents of Springhill township testified as to Stewart's character for peace and good order being good. They admitted he indulged in strong drink occasionally, but never heard of him doing anything exceptionally wrong.

Joe Emerson and Nettie Aliff were convicted yesterday of a charge of conducting a disorderly house in the rear of Law avenue, South Union township. This is the place near where a negro was shot and killed on Christmas morning after a disturbance at the house. For this killing C. F. McNeils will today be placed on trial.

Andrew McNally, who was charged with leasing the house for the purpose indicated in the other case, was tried yesterday, but was acquitted, the costs being placed on the county. County Detective Alex McBeth was the prosecutor in both cases.

Smith Cunningham, a lad living in East Scottdale, or what is popularly known as "Kifertown," was acquitted yesterday of a charge of breaking and entering the store of Homer Boyd.

William O'Conners pleaded guilty to a charge of breaking and entering the home of August Colepeart in Point Marion.

A foreign attachment was issued yesterday against Harry Foster, owner on reputed owner of the High Flyers Burlesque company, at the suit of Robert S. Coyle to recover $100 damages alleged to have been sustained when the show failed to put in an appearance at Coyle's theater in Charleroi on March 6. During the summer Coyle is manager of the Shady Grove park. The action was brought through Attorney E. Willson Boyd. The papers were placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Joseph H. King, who went to Connellsville last evening to "look the show over."

Upon the petition of Attorney Edward Willson Boyd the court made an order yesterday releasing from jail Andy Minarchik, who was committed on an attachment for contempt of court in failing to file an account in an equity proceeding brought against him by Joseph Andracek. The account was filed yesterday.

SHE RANG CHURCH BELL FOR YEARS

Aged Spinster Crowned Noted Life by Willing Property for Parsonage. Was Widely Known.

BRUSHVALLEY, Pa., March 10.—A remarkable woman passed away when Miss Elizabeth Hess, aged 81 years, died at Mechanicsburg. Her funeral was conducted on Sunday afternoon by the Revs. C. E. McCaulley and M. V. DeVaux, the latter of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, and was attended by as outpouring of the countryside.

Miss Hess took care of the United Evangelical Church here and rang the bell for 35 years. She was a Christian woman and was universally beloved for her noble life.

As a fitting summary of her years of self-sacrificing toil for others, Miss Hess willed her house and lot to the church, to be used as a parsonage.

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APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the following persons have filed petitions for license in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace in and for the County of Fayette, State of Pennsylvania, to sell vinous, spirituous, malt or brewed liquors, or any admixture thereof, accompanied by bonds, certificates of citizens, etc., which will be presented to said court for hearing and determination on the first Monday of April, 1909.

NAME OF APPLICANT.	PLACE WHERE LICENSE IS APPLIED FOR.	PRESENT RESIDENCE.
	BELLEVERNON BOROUGH.	
Kyle, Lou M.	That certain three story frame building known as Hotel Kyle	Bellevernon, Pa.
Natalini Celestino	A large three story frame building almost new, situated in the Borough of Bellevernon, fronting on Arch street	Bellevernon, Pa.
Lango, George	That three story building on the corner of Second street and Long alley	Bellevernon, Pa.
Mylord, Frank	Hotel Birmingham	Bellevernon, Pa.
Wingenroth, Charles	That three story frame building on the west side of Main street	Bellevernon, Pa.
	BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH.	
Cook, Robert M	Hotel known as the Storey House	Brownsville, Pa.
Province, David J.	Hotel known as the Monongahela House	Brownsville, Pa.
Rush, Charles W.	Hotel known as Hotel Alexander	Brownsville, Pa.
Thornton, James I.	Hotel known as the New Girard House	Brownsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.	
Cautley, James L. Trustee of the estate of James McGloin, Bankrupt	Hotel known as Yough House	Connellsville, Pa.
Forencz, Michael	Hotel known as Hotel Kelley	Connellsville, Pa.
Haas, Andrew	Hotel known as Hotel Haas	Connellsville, Pa.
McBride, Hugh	Hotel known as Trans-Allegheny Hotel	Connellsville, Pa.
Patterson, Charles W.	Hotel known as Hotel Wymar	Connellsville, Pa.
Straub, August A., and Burton T. Sherrick, partners as Straub & Sherrick	Hotel known as Smith House	Connellsville, Pa.
Zucharias, Frank	Hotel known as Hotel Kelley	Connellsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE BOROUGH—SECOND WARD.	
Dixon, John	Hotel known as Central Hotel	Connellsville, Pa.
Dull, William	Hotel known as Arlington Hotel	Connellsville, Pa.
O'Hara, Mary	Hotel known as Baltimore House	Connellsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE BOROUGH—THIRD WARD.	
Solisson, Augustin D.	Hotel known as Hotel Marietta	Connellsville, Pa.
	DAWSON BOROUGH.	
Haas, Otto	The Dawson House	Dawson, Pa.
Leighty, Walter H., and Ralph H.	Hotel known as Central Hotel	Dawson, Pa.
Rush, Mrs. Anna E.	The Rush House	Dawson, Pa.
	DUNBAR BOROUGH.	
McFarland, Frank J.	Hotel known as the Central Hotel	Dunbar, Pa.
Van Gordel, Harry	Hotel known as the Dunbar House	Dunbar, Pa.
	EVERSON BOROUGH.	
Carter, John	Hotel known as the Eureka House	Everson, Pa.
Hertzog, John	Hotel known as the Everson House	Everson, Pa.
	FAIRCHANCE BOROUGH.	
Gribble, John W.	Hotel known as the Albion Hotel	Fairchance, Pa.
Marietta, Harry	Hotel known as the Fairchance Hotel	Connellsville, Pa.
	JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.	
Hiller, Thomas R.	Hotel known as Hotel Newell in town of Newell	Newell, Pa.
	MASONTOWN BOROUGH.	
Graham, William L., and Sterling Ephriam W., partners doing business as Graham & Sterling	Hotel known as Hotel Leroy	Masontown, Pa.
Hays, Rice Boyd	Hotel known as Hotel Altman	Masontown, Pa.
	NEW HAVEN BOROUGH.	
Anderson, Claude D.	Hotel known as Columbia Hotel	New Haven, Pa.
Smurr, Harry M.	Hotel known as Hotel Victor	New Haven, Pa.
	OHIOPYLE BOROUGH.	
Gilchrist, William D.	Hotel known as the Ohiopyle House	Ohiopyle, Pa.
	POINT MARION BOROUGH.	
Devlin, William T.	Hotel known as Point Marion House	Point Marion, Pa.
Reed, Sampson K.	Hotel known as Colonial Hotel	Point Marion, Pa.
	SOUTH BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH.	
Adams, Frank S.	Hotel known as The Herbertson House	South Brownsville, Pa.
Rickard, John E.	Hotel known as the Bar House	South Brownsville, Pa.
Shicktuna, Edward	Hotel known as the Pennsylvania	South Brownsville, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.	
Beall, Russell W.	Hotel known as the Hotel Brunswick	Uniontown, Pa.
Houston, William J.	Hotel known as Central Hotel	Uniontown, Pa.
Morao, James	Hotel known as the Central Hotel	Uniontown, Pa.
Rush, Arthur	Hotel known as the West End Hotel	Uniontown, Pa.
Titlow, George F.	Hotel known as the "Hotel Titlow"	Uniontown, Pa.
Todd, Thomas Springer	Hotel known as the McClelland House	Uniontown, Pa.
Wilkinson, George W.	Hotel known as Lafayette Hotel	Uniontown, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—SECOND WARD.	
Hellen, William H.	That new four story brick building on north side of Main street	Uniontown, Pa.
Sample, Robert F. and Marshall Ewing B., partners doing business as Sample & Marshall	Hotel known as the Gallatin	Uniontown, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—THIRD WARD.	
Feed, Charles G.	That certain three story brick hotel building on Morgantown street	Uniontown, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—FOURTH WARD.	
Altman Thomas Irvin	Hotel known as the Morao House	Uniontown, Pa.
Lollar, John H.	Hotel known as the Hotel Exchange	Uniontown, Pa.
	VANDERBILT BOROUGH.	
McFarland, John J.	Hotel known as Hotel Vanderbilt	Vanderbilt, Pa.
	WHARTON TOWNSHIP.	
Otwine, William J.	Hotel known as the Chalk Hill House	Chalk Hill, Pa.
Rush, D. J.	Hotel known as the "Summit Hotel," Wharton Township	Uniontown, Pa.

DISTILLERS' LICENSE.

	BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH.	
Perry Distilling Company	That certain two story brick building, on premises of Distillery Company, and about 100 feet distant from the distillery	Brownsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.	
White Rock Distilling Co.	First door of a certain two story brick building, on east side of South Arch street between Fairview avenue and South alley	Connellsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE BOROUGH—THIRD WARD.	
Connellsville Distilling Co.	First floor of a certain one story brick building on southeast corner of Mountain alley and Grape alley	Connellsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE TOWNSHIP.	
Overholt, A. & Co.	A certain four story brick building known as the Free Warehouse at Broad Ford	Frick Building, Pittsburg, Pa.
	GERMAN TOWNSHIP.	
The Gray Distilling Co.	That certain one story frame building about thirty feet distant from Distillery No. 12	Masontown, Pa.
	GERMAN TOWNSHIP AND MASONTOWN BOROUGH.	
Masontown Distilling Co.	That certain Distillery premises consisting of a two story Distillery, warehouse and sales room, a frame building, sixteen by twenty-eight feet on premises described	Masontown, Pa.
	GEORGES TOWNSHIP.	
Fairchance Distilling Co.	That certain two story frame building 150 feet distant from Distillery No. 51	Fairchance, Pa.
	LUZERNE TOWNSHIP.	
Stewart, Robert J., Wilkinson E. E. and Dougherty, W. T., partners doing business as Stewart Distilling Co. successors to Stewart-Good Distilling Co.	A certain one story frame building about eighteen (18) feet wide by twenty-eight (28) feet long on premises owned by applicants about one hundred (100) feet from Distillery	Brownsville, Pa. West Brownsville, Pa.
	REDSTONE TOWNSHIP.	
Hoover, George P., doing business as Hoover & Moore	That certain one story frame building on premises owned by applicants, and about one hundred (100) feet from their Distillery	New Salem, Pa.
	SALTLICK TOWNSHIP.	
Bill Pritts Distilling Company	That certain frame building 20x12 on property of Bill Pritts Distilling Company on the road leading from Indian Head to Trent	Neals Run, Pa.
	SOUTH BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH.	
Hamburger Distillery, Limited	A certain two story brick building known as the Hamburger Distillery on Water street	Brownsville, Pa.
	SPRINGHILL TOWNSHIP.	
Mueller John F. and Mueller Charles E., partners trading as Mueller Distilling Company	A certain two story brick building known as the sales room on a lot of ground adjoining the distillery premises owned by petitioners	Gans, Pa. Cheat Haven, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.	
Arch Distilling Company	Distilling premises, upon which are erected a four-story brick distillery building, a six story brick warehouse and a two-story brick salesroom and office building	Uniontown, Pa.
Titlow Distilling Company	Distilling premises, upon which are in course of construction a three-story brick warehouse and a two-story brick salesroom and office building	Uniontown, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—SECOND WARD.	
Gans, George G.	That certain two-story frame building on the south side of the old Connellsville road or Penn street about thirty feet east of the Fairmont, Morgantown & Pittsburg R. R., near distillery premises	Uniontown, Pa.
	VANDERBILT BOROUGH.	
Vanderbilt Distilling Company	A two-story frame dwelling on a certain lot of ground fronting 108 feet on the right of way of the P. McK. & Y. R. R., 13 feet on Bank street, and 105 feet on Plum alley	Vanderbilt, Pa.
	WHARTON TOWNSHIP.	
Rush, Charles F.	That certain one-story frame building, about forty feet distant from distillery No. 44	Gibbons Glade, Pa.

BREWERS' LICENSE.

	BRIDGEPORT BOROUGH.	
Brownsville Brewing Company	The Brewery premises consisting of a large five-story Brewery building, and other necessary buildings, erected on eleven lots or parcels of land being lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, and 17 and a portion of lots 12, 13 and 14	Brownsville, Pa.
	CONNELLSVILLE BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.	
Yough Brewing Company	That certain new brick brewery on Arch street, on lot occupied by the old brewery building of the applicant	Connellsville, Pa.
Pittsburg Brewing Company	The brewery premises of petitioner consisting of a lot of ground upon which is erected a six-story brick brewery building, office, bottling house and stable	Pittsburg, Pa.
	GERMAN TOWNSHIP.	
High House Brewing Company	The brewery premises consisting of a certain tract of land, upon which is erected a five-story brick brewery building, an office and a bottling house; also stables of petitioner	High House, Pa.
Masontown Brewing Company	The Brewery premises of petitioner consisting of a certain tract of land upon which is erected a large brewery building and other necessary buildings connected therewith	Masontown, Pa.
	MENALLEN AND GERMAN TOWNSHIPS.	
Johnson Brewing Company	That certain tract of land near the village of New Salem, upon which are erected a four-story brick brewery building, and other necessary buildings connected therewith	New Salem, Pa.
	REDSTONE TOWNSHIP.	
Republic Brewing Company	The Brewery premises of your petitioner, consisting of a lot or parcel of land situate at Orient, in Redstone township Fayette county Pennsylvania, adjoining lands of Republic Iron & Steel Company, Peorin A. Gribble and others and upon which are erected a four-story brick brewery building, frame bottling house and office, and frame stable	Orient, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—FIRST WARD.	
Labor Brewing Company	The brewery premises of petitioner consisting of a lot of ground upon which are erected a five-story brick brewery building and an office building, and on a lot included in above is erected a bottling house, stables on opposite lot of Pittsburg street on lot owned by petitioner	Uniontown, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—FIRST AND SECOND WARDS.	
Pittsburg Brewing Company	The brewery premises of petitioner, consisting of a lot of ground upon which are erected a four-story brick brewery building, bottling house, ice factory and stable	Carnegie Building, Pittsburg, Pa.
	UNIONTOWN BOROUGH—FOURTH WARD.	
Fayette Brewing Company	The brewery premises of petitioner, consisting of a lot of ground upon which is erected a four-story brick building, bottling house and stable	Uniontown, Pa.

WILLIAM McCLELLAND, Clerk.

LATEST REPORTS ON WESTERN FIELDS.

Large New Coal Areas Are Prospected in Montana, Wyoming and Utah.

FORM BIG FUEL RESERVES

Grological Survey as Beei. Working In Far Western States and Finds Many Workable Seams, Some of Which Have Been Opened.

Special reports have been prepared by the United States Geological Survey on the coal resources of a number of Western States including certain sections of Colorado, Wyoming and Montana where large deposits of coal have been discovered. The Survey has mapped these coal deposits and the result of its labors thus far appears to indicate that the amount of coal for future fuel supplies, west of the Mississippi river is stedily increasing, in the sense of being surveyed and found of commercial valne.

One of the new fields surveyed is the Glenrock coal district in east central Wyoming. It lies at the south end of a great area of coal-bearing rocks, hte Fort Union region, which covers the northeastern part of Wyoming, most of the eastern half of Montana, and the western half of North Dakota. The principal towns in this field are Casper and Douglas, each with about 1,000 inhabitants and each the center of an extensive stock raising community. There are also three or four smaller towns along the line of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, the most important of which as regards coal mining, is Glenrock. This coal area is nearly rectangular, with Douglas near the southeast corner and Casper near the southwest corner. It is about 56 miles east and west and 27 miles north and south, and contains amout 1,512 square miles. About three-fourths of the Glenrock field lies just north of North Platte River, which flows across the area from west to east.

The oldest mines in the field, at Glenrock, near Douglas, were opened about 1883 and are still productive. The Big Muddy mine, an important producer, was opened in 1900. Coal declaratory statements have been filed on many tracts of land, and some tracts have been taken up in other ways because they are underlain by coal. Many of these tracts were taken up in 1887, when the railroad was built.

The coals of this area are all classed as subbituminous ("black lignite"), but some are almost good enough to be called bituminous. The market for the coal is found in towns along the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in this field and at places to the east. More than half o fthe product goes to Nebraska, where it is used as steam and domestic fuel. The coal is not used by the railroad because it disintegrates and is blown out of the smokestack by the heavy fire and draft of the locomotive, but as similar coals are used by other railroads it seems probable that in time locomotives will be so modified as to burn coal from the Glenrock field.

The field has been slightly developed because of the scarcity of thick beds, the high cost of mining, and the unfitness of the coal for use in locomotives. Like other areas containing coal, however, its importance is growing with the growth of population and the increased demand for fuel. The coal beds are generally lenticular and the coal varies in quality from place to place, but careful prospecting would doubtless reveal many beds that could be worked with profit according to the government's report.

Another field which the Survey has explored is the Book Cliffs district, located in western Colorado and eastern Utah. The great Uinta Basin of coal-bearing rocks, which includes the Book Cliffs field, has been partly prospected and mines are in operation at only a few places within it, but the development and explorations made show that it is one of the most extensive and important coal reserves in the Rocky Mountain region. The area discussed in the report contains more than a thousand square miles of coal land and more than 3,000 million tons of available coal. The coal is of Cretaceous age, is bituminous, forming a fuel of good grade, and is now mined only for local uses.

The coal resources of the Great Falls region of north-central Montana, form the basis of a report. The region described in this report comprises 1,500 square miles along the base of the Rocky Mountain front range, extending from a point 10 miles west of Judith River to Missouri River, and lying principally in Cascade county but including also portions of Chouteau and Fergus counties. More than one-fifth of this area is underlain by formations containing workable coal beds, and many notable geologic discoveries have been made in connection with studies of the nature and extent of the deposits.

The geological position of the field with respect to other fields and the quality of its coal combine to give it great prospective importance as a coal mining district. The future market for the coal lies mainly to the north and northwest of the field, for although coal-bearing rocks occupy extensive areas both northeast and northwest of Great Falls, the areas there underlain by workable coal beds are small.

The Survey will shortly publish a report on the Colorado Springs field which is probably part of the larger coal-bearing area known as the Denver coal region, which, as now defined, extends from a point north of Greeley, near the Wyoming line, to Colorado Springs. Throughout a large part of the Denver region the coal lies deep beneath a cover of rock, but around Colorado Springs it comes to the surface and is mined.

FIELD NEWS IN CONCISE FORM.

Fred C. Keighley, the well known coke and mining man, General Superintendent of the three plants of the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company, returned early last week from his trip to Central America, where he went for recreation and information. Mr. Keighley's family sojourned in Florida while he visited the Panama canal operation and also made several side trips. Mr. Keighley was warmly greeted by his many friends and is feeling much better than when he went away, having been in a run-down condition. He immediately tackled the accumulation of work which usually greets a returned vacationer.

L. W. Fogg, the well-known mining engineer and President of the Tower Hill-Connellsville Coke Company, has been confined for some days to his home at Uniontown with an attack of la grippe, but is reported much better.

Special Agent Fred P. Truesdale of the Pennsylvania Railroad, spent nearly all of last week in the Monongahela Valley, on a checking trip among local agents. Fred is one of the busiest men in the Connellsville region.

What is said to be an unequaled record was recently made at Vesta mine No. 4, of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company. The output for the day totaled a little over 9,000 tons, breaking the previous record by about 2,000 tons. This run was made in 24 trips, 125 cars to the trip.

The report of Mine Inspector C. B. Ross, of the Second Bituminous District, shows that the Jamison Coal & Coke Company was the largest producer in that district during the year 1908. Total production in the district amounted to 8,617,729 tons, of which the above company mined a total of 2,428,002 tons, over one-third of the entire production.

A Uniontown organ of misinformation on the coke trade announced last week that the Oliver & Snyder Steel Company had banked 150 ovens during the preceding week, which statement lacked the least foundation. All the Oliver ovens have been in steady operation for a couple of months except during the past two weeks when working time was slightly curtailed at one or two of the plants.

Citizens of the Eighteenth Ward of Pittsburg, which is on the hilltops, and was formerly known as Montooth borough propose to ask the courts to enjoin the Montooth Coal Company, a local concern, from continuing its operations, which it is claimed are so close to the surface under several blocks of houses that the miners can be plainly heard at their work by the residents. It is claimed several streets have been undermined.

It is officially announced that the full equipment order of the New York Central lines for the year 1909 will include 5,450 freight cars, 205 passenger cars, and 71 locomotives, involving a total expenditure of more than $8,000,000.

There has been a general reduction in the wages of iron workers in Eastern Pennsylvania. In the Schuylkill Valley reductions range from 10 to 20 per cent. The wages of puddlers have been reduced about 16 per cent. The cuts are more drastic than at any time in years past.

Seven hundred men resumed work last week at the South Chicago plate mills, where orders are heavier than for 15 months. The Western Steel Car Company's plant at Hegewisch will reopen within two months. It employs 2,500 men.

Mansfield & Darrah, coal and coke shippers, announce that hereafter they will maintain an office in the Reibold building, Dayton, O., the firm being well known in that territory and having offices in Indianapolis and Hamilton, O., as well.

The cost of big mine accidents in dollars and cents is shown by the statement of President Taylor of the Pittsburg Coal Company, that the Darr mine disaster cost that company $82,407 of which the greater part was damage done to the workings and equipment.

Early this month the bodies of two more victims were recovered from the Marianna mine, being found in a sump hole of Rachel shaft. Neither body could be identified.

Homer Shoemaker, George R. Barnett and others have applied at Harrisburg for a charter for the Hector Coke Company.

E. D. Fulton of Uniontown, made a trip to West Virginia last week.

Indiana may be without State mine inspectors after April 1. All of the applicants failed to reach the required averages at the examination held some days ago. Among those who could not reach a grade of 85 per cent. were State Mine Inspector Epperson.

Representative Bentley of Washington county, has introduced a bill in the House at Harrisburg prohibiting the use of black powder in mines, with a penalty of $1,000 fine and one year's imprisonment for violation.

Charged with violating the mining law because he sent 37 men into the mine before the fire boss had made his rounds and placed the danger boards, Saul Peck, pit boss of Cherry mine No. 5, of the Pittsburg & Erie Coal Company, has been held for court in Washington county.

The Jamison Coke Company has completed and fired 60 new coke ovens at its No. 1 plant in the Greensburg basin. Record time was made in building the ovens, the work having been finished in less than two months. The company now has a total of 1,210 ovens, all in full operation.

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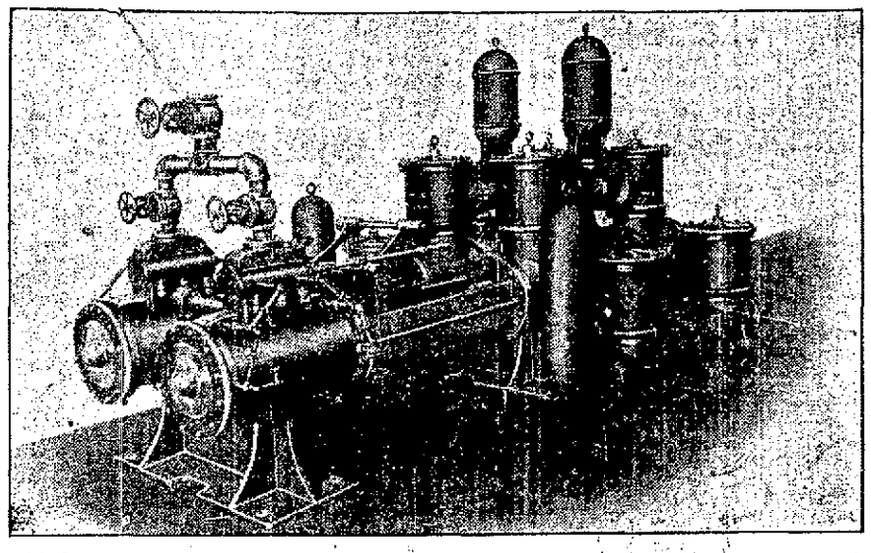

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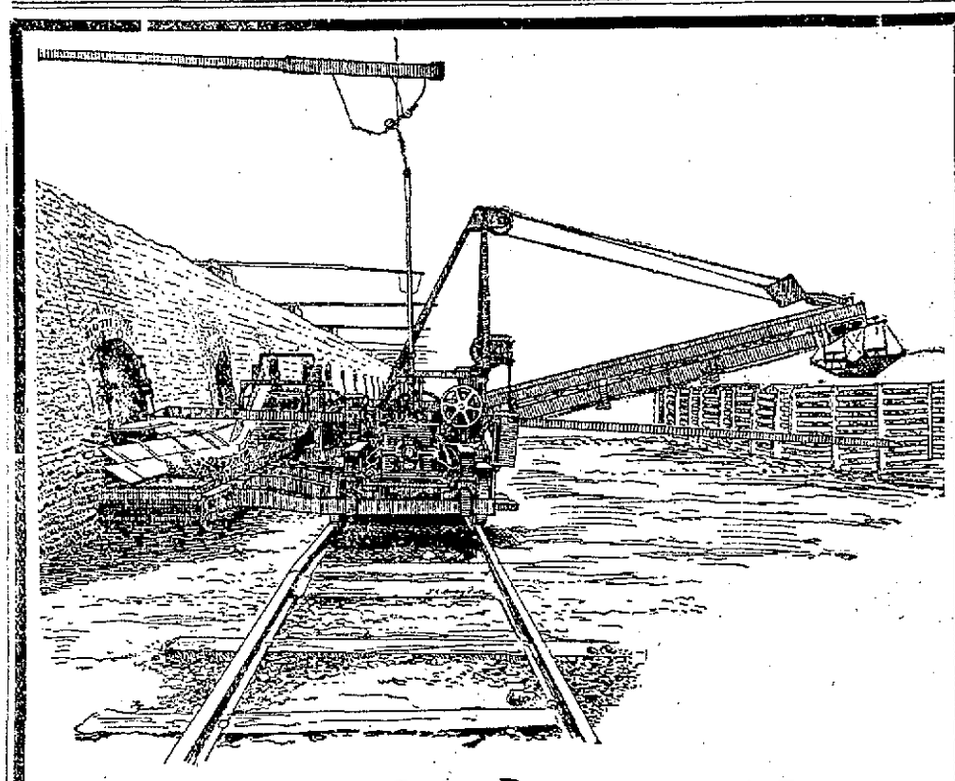

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